

Israeli Government in crisis over Sharon remarks

Middle East peace talks under threat

The killing of 21 Jews in Istanbul led to a crisis in Israel when concessions to Palestinians were blamed... Confusion remained in Karachi about the role of Pakistani security forces in the hijack shooting in which 18 died... Arabs assumed that the Istanbul massacre and the Karachi hijack were planned by the Palestinian Abu Nidal... Libya braced itself for possible attack after the massacres as Israel and the US vowed to avenge their dead Page 6

By Our Foreign Staff

Israel's Government faced a new crisis yesterday over statements by Mr Ariel Sharon, the Trade Minister, that a Turkish synagogue attack was the Palestinian answer to Israeli peace efforts... Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, adjourned a cabinet meeting just after the Government stood at attention to honour the 22 Jews killed in the attack on Saturday by Arabic-speaking gunmen on an Istanbul synagogue.

Hosni Mubarak, later this week... On Saturday night Mr Peres had vowed that Israel would "not rest until it had cut off the murderous hand" responsible for the Istanbul attack... Mr Sharon had earlier submitted an explanation of his remarks in writing to Mr Peres, whom the Prime Minister found inadequate.

precedented in his two years as prime minister. He is due to swap jobs next month with Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Foreign Minister, leader of the Likud bloc that includes Mr Sharon... Mr Sharon's Likud colleagues, including the party leader, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, yesterday distanced themselves from his remarks, and attempted to persuade him to apologize.



Survivors of the Karachi massacre, including a boy wrapped in a blanket, arrived in a US Air Force plane in Frankfurt, West Germany, for medical treatment yesterday morning.

Victims of hijack in US care

A Briton wounded in the Karachi hijack bloodbath was in a "stable condition" in a US Army hospital in Frankfurt yesterday (Our Correspondent writes)...

Hijack survivors head for home

Two hundred and nine passengers and eight infants flew out of Karachi yesterday after the bloody trauma of their hijacking on Friday... They left behind 18 dead fellow hostages, a group of passengers too badly wounded to risk travelling and, most evocative of all, a line of shoes, hand baggage and novels all awaiting claimants.

Moscow threat of spy trial for US journalist

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The superpower row over Nicholas Daniloff, the American journalist arrested nine days ago by the KGB, grew more serious last night with the disclosure that he has now been formally charged with spying against the Soviet Union and will face trial if a deal is not struck between Moscow and Washington... First news of the charge was provided by Mr Daniloff in an 18-minute telephone call to the local office of US News & World Report, the magazine he has represented here for five-and-a-half years.

Mr Daniloff, who is being held with another prisoner in an 8ft by 10ft prison cell in eastern Moscow, was arrested at noon on August 30 after meeting a Russian friend and exchanging gifts. His relatives, colleagues and senior US officials all claim he was deliberately planted with secret material later found in the package which he received... Mr Daniloff remains in jail such an effect cannot be avoided.

Abu Nidal seen as most likely culprit

From Robert Fisk, Nicosia

A flurry of telephone calls to Western news agencies in Nicosia and Beirut at the weekend suggested that a Palestinian group - most likely the Abu Nidal movement - was responsible for the slaughter in Istanbul on Saturday... The general assumption in the Arab world was that the Karachi hijacking and the Istanbul synagogue massacre were the work of Abu Nidal's extremist Palestinian group, almost certainly designed to discredit Mr Yasser Arafat's PLO.

Three face murder charges

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The three men held in connection with the five murders last Tuesday in Fordingbridge, Hampshire, were yesterday charged with murder... George Stephenson, aged 35, George Daly, aged 24, and his brother, John Daly, aged 20, from Coventry, were charged with murdering Mr Joseph Cleaver, publisher, Hilda, his disabled wife, Thomas, their son, Wendy, their daughter-in-law, and Mrs Margaret Murphy, the family nurse.

Fowler loses plea for new post in Cabinet reshuffle

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister is believed to have decided that Mr Norman Fowler should stay in his post as Secretary of State for Social Services despite his wish to be moved in this week's Cabinet reshuffle... Mrs Thatcher has apparently decided to go into the next election with her present Cabinet line-up virtually unchanged.

Boy dies trying to save dog

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A boy, aged 11, drowned in rough seas at Blackpool yesterday while trying to rescue his pet Jack Russell terrier... It happened close to the spot where three police officers were drowned three years ago attempting to rescue a holidaymaker who had gone in after his Jack Russell. The man also drowned.

THE DANGER SPORTS Some people will do anything for thrills - even if death is the price. The Times talks to the jumpers, fliers, riders and climbers in sport's risk business

Portfolio There is £8,000 to be won in The Times Portfolio Gold competition today, double the usual amount because there was no winner on Saturday... There was no winner in the weekly competition, so next Saturday's weekly prize will be doubled to £16,000.

Boycott move Sir Geoffrey Howe flies to Washington tomorrow to discuss sanctions against South Africa after EEC foreign ministers met in Hertfordshire to try to co-ordinate plans for a boycott of Pretoria

Final word Mr Michael Wareham, a preparatory school head teacher from St Andrews in Fife, defeated 21 finalists to win the Collins Dictionary/The Times National crossword championship

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Mr Tom Grainger, chief beach patrolman, said later: "My patrolmen at the scene could hear comments such as 'Why don't they go in after him', but they don't realize the danger... There is a smooth concrete apron to the sea wall and it is impossible to get out of the water when the tide is high and rough unless someone is hauling on a rope. Today it was too dangerous for any swimmer to go out."

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# Ex-Thatcher aide urges Whitehall overhaul

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Sir John Hoskyns, former head of the Prime Minister's Downing Street policy unit, today adds his voice to the growing clamour for far-reaching changes in the way Whitehall is run, including a system giving ministers their own "cabinets" to help with their government, party and constituency work.

In a report published for a conference in London, Sir John, director general of the Institute of Directors, says: "It is becoming increasingly difficult to find anyone outside the ranks of government ministers and senior Civil Servants who does not believe that fundamental overhaul of the machinery of government is now a matter of urgency."

"Virtually all retired senior officials, most ex-ministers and many academics are now convinced that something is seriously wrong."

Sir John's intervention is embarrassing for the Prime Minister as it comes six weeks after the Government effectively rejected a call by the all-party Commons Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee for Whitehall changes.

The changes would have included the introduction of policy units for the secretaries of state of government departments, more outside advisers and the separation of the roles of the Cabinet Secretary and head of the Home Civil Service, currently held by Sir Robert Armstrong.

The conference, organized by the institute, will be attended by politicians, Civil Servants, academics and

journalists. The first similar conference on "reskilling government", held last May, expressed clear support for the introduction of a French "Cabinet" system to fit British needs, at an estimated cost of £7.7 million.

Ministers would have an enhanced private office or executive office with appointees to help ministers with their constituency and party work, experts to advise on key departmental issues which would be drawn from Civil Service "high-flyers" and capable outsiders, and analysts capable of policy research.

The Treasury committee made a similar proposal earlier this year, suggesting that the new offices should be termed ministers' policy units. The Labour, Social Democrat and Liberal parties have all since backed the proposal, but the Government resisted the committee's proposal that there should be an experiment in some departments.

Sir John accepts that the concept of a Cabinet system has now taken root in the three opposition political parties and that any change of government would be likely to be followed by the early introduction of this form of strengthened policy support for ministers.

Sir John says that this does not mean that the new consensus was necessarily right, but he adds: "To refuse even to consider the possibility that the government machine might, after 50 years, need an overhaul seems to us to be irresponsible."



Mr Michael Wareham, the new crossword champion, pondering over a particularly difficult clue yesterday (Photograph: Peter Trivnan).

## Head is champion puzzler

By Alan Hamilton

Mr Michael Wareham, a preparatory school headmaster from St Andrews in Fife, yesterday defeated 21 other finalists and the most devilish snares of the compilers to win the Collins/Times National Crossword Championship.

Mr Wareham, aged 45, succeeded at his third attempt, after winning the competition's Glasgow regional final for the past three years. His average time for solving each of the four puzzles in yesterday's national final at the Park Lane Hotel was just under 10 minutes.

It had been, Mr Wareham confessed, a close-run thing, and he had been forced to guess the answers to two particularly impenetrable clues: "Eudymion not written in Latin but sung in Scotland" and "Lace - half a guinea to clear". Fortunately, he guessed correctly with the answers "Bisebel" and "gipure".

Mr William MacLeod, managing editor of Collins Dictionaries, which sponsors the championship, presented Mr Wareham with his prize of a crystal bowl and £500 of Harrods vouchers.

One reason for Mr Wareham's win, which he readily conceded, was the absence from the finalists of Dr John Sykes, who has won the title outright eight times.

An early favourite to win was Mr David Armitage, a Cambridge English graduate, who at 21 was among the youngest entrants to reach the final in the 16 years of the competition. Mr Armitage completed his first puzzle in four and a half minutes, equalling the championship record, but in his speed he sacrificed accuracy and was left unplaced.

## Kinnock faces row on nuclear energy

By Our Chief Political Correspondent

An attempt led by Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners' president, to commit the Labour Party to a completely anti-nuclear energy policy is expected to fail at the party conference in Blackpool this month.

But Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, will be unable to avoid being caught in the middle of a damaging dispute on the issue.

Some shadow cabinet colleagues and unions are opposed to phasing out nuclear power, as proposed in his carefully constructed National Executive Committee compromise, while leftwingers want a much faster process of disengagement.

The conference agenda published yesterday contains up to 180 resolutions on energy, by far the highest on any subject and a majority call for the ending of nuclear power.

Some are critical of Mr Jack Cunningham, the party's environment spokesman whose constituency contains the Sellafield reprocessing plant and whose defence of nuclear power has angered activists.

But Mr Kinnock will resist the inevitable conference calls for the resignation of Mr Cunningham, who is regarded as one of his most effective front-bench performers.

Mr Scargill and his supporters believe that the 60,000 majority which thwarted them at last week's TUC congress can be overturned at the Labour conference in favour of motions calling for a total ban on nuclear power.

But the Labour leadership believes that its own NEC compromise, which goes much further than the TUC agreement reached last week but concedes that the nuclear run-down will be long-term, will be carried.

It was said by party sources yesterday that while it was more than possible that the Scargill-backed motions could be passed, they are unlikely to do so with the necessary two-thirds majority under which they would become party policy.

The expected backlash over the expulsion of Mr Derek Hatton and other Militant supporters has failed to materialize. Only a few resolutions have been tabled condemning "witchhunts" and most of them from Liverpool constituencies.

More jobs will be created at the Inland Revenue to stamp out tax evasion, if a Labour government comes to power.

This pledge was given yesterday in a policy document, to be submitted to the conference, on social security and tax approved by Labour's national executive.

### Official denies manipulation

A confidential Labour Party report accuses officials of the hard-left dominated St Helens Labour party of involvement in the setting up of bogus union branches and the manipulation of union delegates.

The report, which will be considered by the Appeals Committee today, says the union, Sogat '82, was the main vehicle of this manipulation and that the main beneficiaries were officers of the district Labour Party and the two constituency parties.

Yesterday Mr John Duncan, chairman of St Helens district party, said he had not read the report but denied there had been manipulation of delegates.

### Acid rain Studies fuel alarm at impact on environment

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

Alarm about the impact of acid rain on watercourses and wildlife is increasing in Britain.

Many research programmes are still incomplete, but enough evidence has been found to make it impossible to rule out acid rain as a culprit.

The hardest part of the job is to separate acid rain from other damaging influences. True scientists think that some beech trees have yet to recover from the exceptional drought of 1976. It may be blanket conifer-planting, and not just rain, that has increased acid levels in some Scottish fishing rivers.

The rivers are being examined by one of the committees of experts set up by ministers to look at the effects of acid rain on wildlife, land, waterways, and historic stone and glasswork.

There is concern in Cornwall as well, where the county trust for nature conservation believes that something is encouraging acid-loving plants such as bracken to spread, while populations of acid-hating limestone plants such as the blue-flowered scabious and autumn gentian are in decline.

Acid rain is formed when sulphur emissions from power stations are dissolved. The major of the argument about it

## World Chess Championship

# Kasparov grabs a desperate draw

From Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent, Leningrad

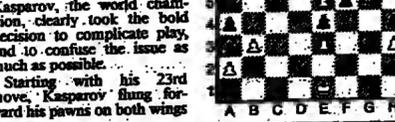
Gary Kasparov came under heavy pressure in the 13th game of the World Chess Championship on Friday, but found salvation in a desperate mutual time scramble in the final minutes of the session. He remains one game ahead.

The opening of the first game of the Leningrad part of the championship was a Grünfeld defence which duplicated the variation they had played in game three in London. At this point, Anatoly Karpov produced a novelty, thrusting forward his f-pawn instead of withdrawing his knight as had occurred in that earlier encounter.

The middle game soon developed into a kind of blocked trench warfare, but Karpov's control of the important e5 square with his knight always gave him some initiative.

With his time running out, and faced by the type of hoc constructor pressure with which Karpov has reaped so many victories in the past, Kasparov, the world champion, clearly took the bold decision to complicate play, and to confuse the issue as much as possible.

Starting with his 23rd move, Kasparov lunged forward his pawns on both wings



## Mass Unionist resignation urged

By Richard Ford

The mass resignation of Unionists from Northern Ireland's district councils is being proposed by "loyalists" as part of their protests leading to the first anniversary of the signing of the Anglo Irish agreement.

But though this is the preferred option of a joint Unionist working party there is uncertainty in both the Official and Democratic Unionist parties about the willingness of all councillors to back such a tactic.

Mr James Molyneux, leader of the Official Unionists, and the Rev Ian Paisley, of the Democratic Unionists, have the task of persuading up to 400 members of 26 district councils to resign before November 15.

The idea of a mass resignation comes as "clear signs emerge" that the "policy" of

adjourning meetings is disintegrating, with local councillors unhappy that their protest is affecting the community rather than the British Government.

Limited business has been conducted in a number of councils, including Belfast and Castlereagh, the power base of Mr Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the DUP.

Leading figures in the OUP are privately delighted at the embarrassment caused to Mr Paisley and the DUP by the conduct at Castlereagh, where Mr Robinson is mayor.

The option of resigning will be difficult to enforce as many councillors, in the forefront of the Unionist protest since last November, will ask whether their 14 MPs at Westminster will also resign and forfeit their salaries.

## Air Show orders top £1,000m

Orders and agreements announced at the Farnborough Air Show amount to a record £1,000 million.

The figure will be exceeded when values are placed on the orders on which companies, for commercial reasons, have not disclosed details.

Sir John Curtis, director of the Society of British Aerospace Companies, said: "This has been our most successful Farnborough yet."

He said that many exhibitors had already booked space at the 1988 show, scheduled for September 4 to 11. Among the orders agreed this year were a £300 million order from the EPA group (Irish, Messerschmitt, Breguet, and CASA) for CFM-56-3C engines for 30 Boeing 737s, from CFM International; and a £69 million order from ALIA (Royal Jordanian Airlines) for V2500 engines for six A320s, from Rolls Royce/IAE.

## Chernobyl reaction 'too slow'

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

A survey of emergency planning staff in the wake of the Chernobyl disaster has revealed "considerable reservations" about Britain's ability to get information to the public quickly and effectively in the event of a peacetime nuclear incident.

A report by the Association of County Councils on British handling of the effects of fallout from Chernobyl says some local authority emergency staff expressed disquiet about the nation's ability to "disseminate information and coordinate action" after such an incident.

The report, drawn up by officers of the all-party association and based on a survey of member councils in England and Wales, says the Ministry of Agriculture was "slow and ill-prepared" in sending out information on the monitoring of radiation levels in food after the Chernobyl disaster.

## Lord King is 'ruled out' for BBC post

Lord King, chairman of British Airways, appears to have been ruled out as the next chairman of the BBC by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary.

Lord King was rumoured to be a potential future chairman, but his appointment would be highly unpopular with the BBC establishment because of his lack of broadcasting experience.

The appointment of a chairman to succeed Mr Stuart Young will be made by Mrs Margaret Thatcher.

Leading candidates are Lord Windlesham, a former leader of the House of Lords and Lord Barnett, the present deputy.

## Wapping talks

Talks on the Wapping dispute, were held in London yesterday between representatives of News International and of the print unions involved. The negotiations were adjourned after several hours and will resume today.

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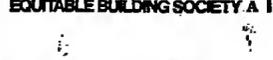
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# Shortage of specialists could hamper use of cot-death discovery

By Jill Sherman

The lives of hundreds of babies a year could be saved by a scientific breakthrough on so-called "cot deaths" that claim 1,500 victims a year.

However, doctors are worried that a lack of specialist staff may prevent the new knowledge being used to the full.

Vulnerability to "cot death" which researchers at Sheffield Children's Hospital have found to be caused in up to 10 per cent of cases by an inherited enzyme defect, can be detected only by expensive tests.

There are only three centres, apart from Sheffield, that can do the work, doctors say.

The fears about implementing the discovery coincide with a national programme to establish the relationship between the deaths of premature babies and an apparent shortfall in specialist care facilities.

Health authorities have been told to collect information on the fate of all very small premature babies who are turned away from such units.

The study is being co-ordinated by Dr Neil McIntosh, a consultant paediatrician based at St George's hospital, London.

A study based on two Thames regions in 1984 found that of 14 babies who did not get places in special units, eight died. Dr McIntosh said that the death rate seemed exceptionally high. "Only 10 per cent of our referrals die following treatment".

Dr McIntosh is one of 14 child specialists who will be analysing the findings at regional level, before they are sent to the national perinatal epidemiology unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, for further analysis.

He agreed with remarks made last week by Dr Peter Fleming, a consultant paediatrician at the Hospital for Sick Children in Bristol, that saving children's lives was not seen as a priority.

"Administrators and hospital consultants in other specialties think we are wasting money and wasting time."

Dr John Roylance, district general manager at Bristol and Weston Health Authority rejected Dr Fleming's claim that managers were telling him not to treat premature babies.

"There is no way that any administrator anywhere in the health service would give that sort of instruction and I find it quite unbelievable," he said.

Dr Roylance also denied that any babies turned away from the hospital had died.

He claimed that the two Bristol specialist units provided adequate neonatal care for the catchment area. In addition, 13 per cent of the babies treated came from outside that area.

Meanwhile, one of the biochemists on the "cot deaths" research team at Sheffield has said that there is now an urgent need for centres specializing in neonatal health authorities so that they can carry out their own investigations.

Tests for the enzyme defect they had discovered cost more than £250 each, and were time-consuming, as it took more than a month for the cells to grow and a further two days to analyse the results. They could be done pre-natally, by testing a sample of fluid from the mother's womb, or post-natally, by

analysing skin tissue from the child.

Dr Mike Bennett, a biochemist on the team, said that at the moment only Birmingham, London and Bristol, as well as Sheffield, were capable of doing the tests. The reason was, in the main, lack of trained staff.

He added that there were only a dozen clinical biochemists in the country who would have the appropriate experience in tissue culture to analyse the cells.

At the moment Sheffield is being inundated with samples sent from other parts of the country to be screened, but is unable to do more than 50 each year.

The researchers discovered that the enzyme defect is present in many of the "cot death" victims. It prevents them from breaking down fatty acids and can lead to an energy shortage.

The researchers suspect that the deficiency is responsible for between 5 and 10 per cent of all cot deaths, and is present in one in every 10,000 babies.

Children are particularly vulnerable to it when they have picked up minor infections or are very tired. If the brain is not supplied with enough energy it may suddenly stop functioning. The treatment is a simple carbohydrate diet, which, in most cases, can be given by the parents at home.

Dr Alec Howat, senior registrar in pathology at the hospital and one of the team of researchers, said that until now doctors had used the term "cot death" to disguise the fact that the cause of death was unknown.



Anwar Begum and her adopted son Khuram who faces deportation to Pakistan, before going to a secret address last night.

# Boy facing deportation in hiding

A boy aged two and his adoptive parents were in hiding in the Bradford area last night after disobeying an order that he should be deported to his native Pakistan.

Khuram Azad should have been on an aircraft yesterday travelling back to Pakistan, after a late attempt to keep him in Britain had been rejected by the Home Office. Instead he was believed to be at a secret address.

The boy was born in Pakistan but almost immediately after his birth he was given for adoption to Mr Abdul Khalik, aged 42, and his wife, Anwar Begum, aged 37, of Cecil Avenue, Bradford, by his natural parents, Mr Khalik's brother and his wife.

The Khaliks have been married for 16 years but have been unable to have children. Mr Khalik said yesterday: "I want to keep him in this country. He is like my own son. He believes England is his home. I love him and there will be no point in doing anything, working or whatever, if he is not with us."

Mr Max Madden, the Labour MP for Bradford West, failed in an attempt to persuade the European Court of Human Rights that the deportation decision should be reversed. He then asked Mr David Waddington, the Home Office minister, for permission for the child to remain in Britain for five months so that adoption proceedings could be completed at Bradford.

That move also failed. Mr Madden said: "It is a victory for inhumanity and bureaucracy and I do not believe it is a victory the Home Office would want."

The report says that the top-up mortgage is the cheapest way of raising cash for a new car or exotic holiday, and that it is the building societies which are unwittingly acting as middlemen.

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The resources of the building societies are overstretched and, quite frankly, they do not have the time to check the real reason.

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# Billions in mortgage cash spent on cars

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

Almost a fifth of the money provided in mortgage loans last year, about £6,000 million, was used for purposes other than buying a home, a firm of London stockbrokers claims in a report published today.

The total loaned in 1985 was around £31,000 million, of which building societies lent about £26,500 million and the remainder came from banks and elsewhere.

The potential loss to the Inland Revenue, assuming tax relief at the minimum rate, is estimated at more than £1,740 million.

Quilter Goodison makes the estimate in a report for *The Mortgage Business*, a new business and management magazine from EMAP Business and Computer Publications.

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# £250,000 to save house

An undisclosed British buyer has paid a reported £250,000 to save Melton Constable Hall in Norfolk, described as the finest empty country house in England, which requires repairs estimated at £1 million.

The hall, used as the setting for the film *The Go Between*, has not been lived in for 25 years. The owner, Mr Geoffrey Harrold, a farmer, was forced to sell after Norfolk County Council served a compulsory purchase and repairs order.

He said: "We are not getting all the information we need from the claimants. If people get their claims sorted out, we will pay as quickly as we can."

Traders whose property was destroyed or stolen in the riots have said that the area could become a "ghost town" if rebuilding does not start soon.

# Stereo TV advance by British

A British-developed system of television broadcasting with stereo sound is about to be given government approval.

It could be the most important technical improvement to television since the introduction of colour.

Broadcasters hope approval will come in time to stimulate exports when the system is demonstrated at the International Broadcasting Convention in Brighton this month.

The system, developed by BBC engineers with the Independent Broadcasting Authority, uses a digital signal processing technique similar to that in compact audio disc players. As it is digital, sound is reproduced as recorded, with no loss of quality.

It will take about two years from government approval for the first stereo television sets to reach the shops. They will probably cost about £100 more than existing models.

Stereo broadcasting is being experimented at the BBC transmitter at Crystal Palace. But only a handful of prototype test receivers have been made.

Germany, Japan and the United States all have stereo television broadcasts, but are using an analogue transmission system.

Technical experts regard the Japanese and German systems as technically deficient and the American system as superior, but still far from the quality of the British development, which has been described by experts as the best in the world.

# Stress at work affects sex life of bosses

Stress is affecting the sex lives of top executives, according to a survey published today. More than a quarter of managing directors questioned said they were too tired to make love after a working day.

Nearly two out of three admitted that their sexual activity was diminished by a heavy workload, and more than a third said they were too tired to go out with friends after a day at the office.

The findings, in *Chief Executive* magazine, are based on answers given by 233 managing directors, most in their forties and fifties.

Nearly two-thirds said work pressures made them irritable towards their wives; 43 per cent were short-tempered with colleagues and 27 per cent with their children.

"Tourists are sometimes treated first and the people who live here take second place. We are just like anywhere else, although we have a wonderful heritage of buildings."

But he added: "I can not believe that there are no prostitutes."

"As a councillor I get to hear about people's problems, and the garden is certainly not all roses, there's violence and crime, as well as severe housing problems."

Chief Inspector Lawrence Davies, of Bath Police, said: "I am glad I wasn't around there; nowadays it is much quieter, and it's more like sun city than sun city."

# Brent racism inquiry

By David Cross

# NUT seeks court hearing

The National Union of Teachers is seeking a High Court injunction today to stop a disciplinary hearing due to take place next Friday. Mr Dorman Long, personnel committee chairman, yesterday urged the union to reconsider its court action in the interests of the children and the headteacher.

"No useful purpose can be served by such action," he said. "The only way forward is for a fair and just hearing to take place at the earliest possible date."

Brent council would not walk away from issues of this kind, he added. It was only by sticking to established procedures and by ensuring a fair and full hearing that the confidence of the local community could be upheld.

Brent has a large immigrant community and 85 per cent of pupils at Sudbury Infants School are non-white as are six of the teachers.

Mr Long also criticized the NUT for making Miss McGoldrick's case public. Giving the matter maximum publicity was in no-one's interest, he maintained.

The school governors are trying other routes to force Brent to lift the suspension order. At a weekend meeting, they decided to ask both Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, and Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Labour Party, to intervene.

Mr Baker is being asked to use his power, under section 68 of the 1944 Act, to step in when a local authority is behaving unreasonably, and Mr Kinnock is to be approached because his wife, Glenys, teaches in the borough.

# Prince on anti-drug patrol

Prince Edward was involved in the fight against drug smugglers as a Central American jungle during a gruelling fortnight with a Royal Marines commando unit, it was disclosed yesterday.

Men from 40 Commando spent six months in Belize, where they became involved in the long-running battle against drug traffickers along the country's borders.

The prince also experienced jungle warfare and survival training in an official visit to the British colony in January.

A senior officer said: "The main problem there is narcotic smuggling on the border. We gave back-up with heavy border patrols. The main emphasis was on survival, how to live in the jungle and make shelters and so on."

Another officer added: "The prince proved he was a very fit young man. He has the right attitude of having a go at anything and everything."

Prince Edward, who has spent various holiday periods from Cambridge University with the Marines, begins training today to become a full-time infantryman at the Marine camp at Lympstone, Devon.

# Campaign for tighter sex education controls

Sex education in some schools is controlled by pressure groups which promote promiscuity, claims the Conservative Family Campaign, an organization sponsored by several Conservative MPs.

An article in the campaign's latest newsletter says there are instances of teachers living in irregular relationships (being allowed to use sex education classes as a means of proselytizing to children for their own lifestyles).

The article says: "There has been widespread concern among parents for a number of years about the nature and content of sex education programmes in some schools. There are now too many areas in which this has been allowed to fall into the hands of pressure groups with a vested interest in breaking down the structure of the family by promoting promiscuity."

The group is supporting amendments to the sex education clause of the Education Bill which emphasize the importance of a normal family life and allow parents the right to withdraw their children from sex education classes.

The campaign said it seemed that the Government intended to apply a three-line whip against the amendments.

The move reflects a view among the Government's school inspectors that design skills are more relevant to the modern economy than traditional crafts.

A letter sent to local authorities by Mr George Hicks, chief inspector for

craft, design and technology at the Department of Education, says woodwork and metalwork have only an "outside chance" of being approved as courses for the GCSE Craft, Design and Technology examination. Some sections of industry want the traditional skill-based courses retained. Rolls-Royce Motors is particularly concerned that a successor course to the O level in engineering workshop theory and practice is developed.

Their protectors or were stabbed in the street.

"Many of them worked in tandem with the muggers," he said. "The girls would lure the victims up side streets and a man in the shadows would strike the client to the ground and rob him."

His study has been printed in a new history of Bath, published by local historical trusts.

Dr Davis added that consumers and gentry travelled far to reach the illicit attractions of Bath.

Today's travellers from distant parts cause other difficulties for residents, according to Mr David Book, a Labour councillor.

# Bath, sin city of the west, is exposed

The elegance and splendour of Georgian Bath conceal a history of vice and crime that make it the eighteenth-century "sin city" of the West Country, according to a local historian.

Dr Graham Davis, a lecturer in social history at Bath College, who has spent months examining old police records, said: "All this about culture and music is just bunkum which the Victorians exaggerated to clean up the city's image."

"It had brothels all over the place, gambling in the pump rooms and horrid, cruel violence in the streets, worse than anything we get today."

tourists trekking past the serene Georgian buildings of Avon Street in the city centre would guess at its seamy past.

"There were brothels all down the street; one of them, run by a famous Madame, Olivia Poole, used to get the upper-crust in all the time. I suggested that the city council put up a little blue plaque to commemorate this, as they have done on other houses, but they did not seem to like the idea," Dr Davis said.

Dr Davis, aged 43, discovered from the records of the city's old police force — established before those of most other centres — that prostitutes were on occasion dumped in the River Avon by

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Hospital waiting lists: 1

Many patients forced to wait in agony for more than a year

There are 661,249 people waiting for hospital treatment. Many have been waiting for more than a year, sometimes in agony.

Almost 40,000 people have been on orthopaedic consultants' books for non-urgent operations for more than a year, and nearly 10,000 people have been waiting for urgent orthopaedic operations, including hip replacements, for more than a month.

Statistics show that some parts of the country are much worse off than others, often for no apparent reason. A person waiting for a hip operation in the Midlands may have to wait twice as long as someone in Merseyside or North-west London.

West Midlands Regional Health Authority holds the longest waiting list for trauma and orthopaedic surgery in the country. In September 1985 about 15,937 people were waiting for operations, nearly a third for more than a year.

But in one district in West-ses region, 95 per cent of all patients on non-urgent orthopaedic waiting lists had to wait for more than a year before being treated.

Ministers suspect that many

The reduction of hospital waiting lists is high on the political agenda, and ministers have asked health authorities to produce plans by October to tackle the delays. In the first of two articles, Jill Sherman describes the extent of the crisis.

of the people on waiting lists no longer need treatment, either because they have died or have moved to a different part of the country.

Last year the NHS management board sent out another reminder asking health authorities to review their waiting lists. Many have still not done so.

Ministers and managers argue also that even if waiting times fall, increased demand means that it is rarely reflected in falling waiting lists.

Figures on performance show that length of stay and the number of operations performed per department vary from district to district. The type of operation can also differ enormously. One ophthalmology department may spend most of its time carrying out cataract operations on elderly patients, while another department will do mostly major surgery.

Mr John Yates, an academic who works for the

Health Services Management Centre in Birmingham, feels that bad management is partly to blame. He says that lists could be reduced significantly by making sure that beds and operating theatre sessions are used more efficiently.

He proposes that the bonus payments due to general managers could be withheld if managers fail to bring down their waiting lists, pointing out that the Government should now be directing its attention at the 30 districts responsible for a third of the country's waiting lists.

He admits that some districts need more resources.

In addition, some doctors used waiting lists to boost their private practice. "It would be interesting to see how many operations some consultants performed in the NHS, compared to the number they carried out privately", Mr Yates said.

Tomorrow solutions in the NHS and the private sector



Highworth Point, a 21-storey tower block on Trowbridge Estate in Hackney, east London, being demolished yesterday after explosive charges on each of the floors were detonated by electrical circuits.

Residents whose low-rise homes face demolition forced planners to delay the demolition for 75 minutes by occupying three bungalows next to the tower block.

The 12 members of the 80-member Trowbridge Estate Low Rise Dwellers, Residents and Tenants' Association finally left the danger zone after the leader of Labour-controlled Hackney Council agreed to a meeting to reconsider plans to demolish 116 bungalows on the estate. (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Experts 'failed to interpret Ronan Point evidence'

By Charles Knevit, Architecture Correspondent

Ronan Point, the 22-storey tower block which partly collapsed in a gas explosion in 1968, killing five people, would have been demolished at the time, rather than repaired, if government experts had realized the implications of their investigation, Mr Sam Webb, an architect, claimed yesterday.

Evidence of bad workmanship, which came to light last week during the "scientific" demolition of the block, was known at the time of the public inquiry into the disaster, he said.

Dr S. C. C. Bate, principal scientific officer of the then Building Research Station, gave written and verbal evidence to the tribunal which referred to workmanship in the H3, H4 and critical H2 load-bearing bank wall joints. But further evidence relating to the safety of the type of construction used at Ronan Point, given by two other government experts, remained confidential.

Inquiry document 25, by Dr Frederick Thomas, deputy head of structural engineering at the station, and inquiry document 23, by Mr Len Creasey, chief architect of the then Ministry of Public Building and Works, were submitted to the tribunal. But a decision was taken not

to circulate their evidence to other parties at the inquiry, including representatives of the gas industry, who queried the form of construction used.

Dr Thomas said in his written evidence: "Even if gas were forbidden, I should feel less safe living in a building of the Ronan Point type of construction than I would be in a building of most other systems of construction."

Mr Creasey said in his written evidence: "I would not now feel safe in living in the end and corner rooms of such a building even if gas were prohibited."

Mr Webb said: "The evidence of bad workmanship was discovered in 1968, so why was its significance not realized and why was it not made public. The evidence showed that the dead-weight of the building would eventually lead to its collapse due to overloading."

The dead weight of a building is the weight of its construction, excluding people, furniture and fittings.

Mr Webb said that the Department of the Environment had recognized this factor when, in 1984, it recommended to the London Borough of Newham that the top eight floors of Ronan Point should be removed to make it safe.

Mr Nigel Spearing, Labour MP for Newham South, whose constituency includes Ronan Point, will be delivering a letter today to Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, asking what major defects were discovered during the course of the public inquiry investigation, and what the implications are for all system-build tower blocks in the country.

Demolition contractors will this week be dismantling flat 90 on the eighteenth floor of Ronan Point, which was repaired after the disaster. It was here that the gas explosion occurred when Miss Ivy Hodge, who survived the blast, started to make herself an early morning cup of tea by lighting the gas cooker.

Children in care 'denied a home link'

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

Sixty children in public care on average have no contact with any member of their family, the Family Rights Group says. There are about 7,000 in children's homes or with foster parents in England and Wales.

A book published today by the group, an independent charity, describes the breakdown as "tragic".

It discloses that many local authorities have failed to comply with the Government's code of practice in setting up a proper internal appeals procedure for parents and other relatives unhappy with arrangements for access.

Mrs Jo Tunnard, the group's director, says the defaulting authorities do not acknowledge the importance of maintaining links.

A law introduced in 1984 gave parents the right to challenge social workers' decisions to stop them seeing their children. The group adds: "Sadly, other relatives, and the children themselves, are still denied this right."

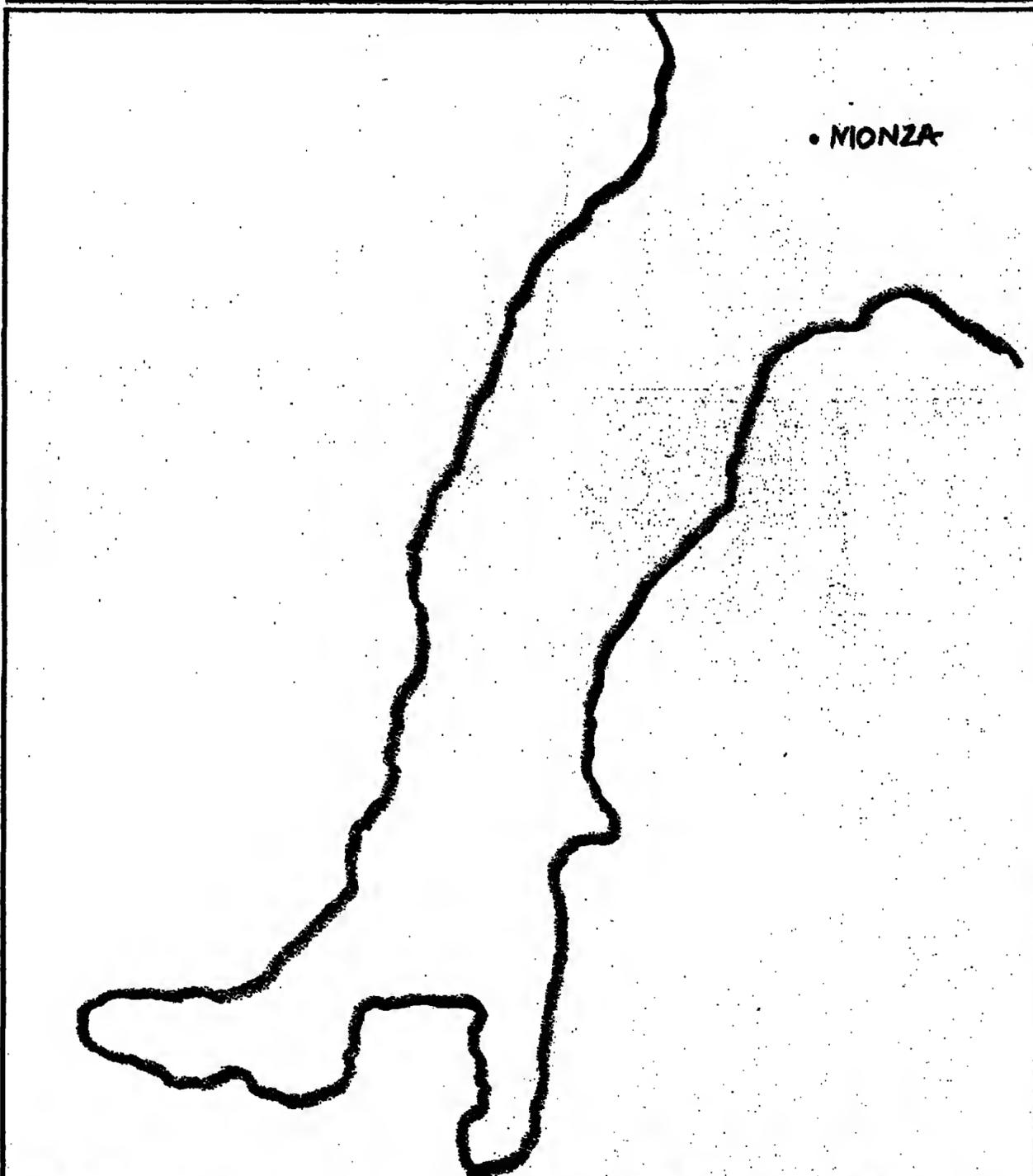
The book gives detailed examples of difficulties that families face.

One girl, aged 11, was living in a children's home in the countryside and was allowed to spend every weekend at her mother's home. One Sunday she got back six hours late because of heavy snow.

Two weeks later her normal visit was stopped. The social worker said that was because of her previous late return.

Another mother had to arrange visits to her daughter, aged five, 100 miles away by using a telephone box to try to contact a social worker, then pay for public transport out of supplementary benefit and wait for repayment.

The book suggests that, given goodwill, social workers can do much to promote and maintain links between children in care, their parents and the rest of the family. Promoting Links: Keeping Children and Families in Touch (Family Rights Group, 6 Manor Gardens, London N7 6LA; £4).



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# Solicitors' inquiry call on damages is rejected

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government has rejected a call by solicitors and accountants for an inquiry into limiting the damages courts can impose for professional negligence.

The decision comes at a time when the professions are facing rises in claims for negligence and, as a result, drastic cuts in the amount of professional indemnity insurance they can obtain.

Big City firms of solicitors, who are this week in the last stages of negotiating their indemnity insurance, look like being unable this year to obtain cover for more than £40 million, almost half what in one or two cases they would like.

At the same time, premiums are rising and even three times what they were last year.

Rejecting the two professions' request for an inquiry, the Department of Trade and Industry has said it needs to consider the public interest as well as sectional interests of the professions and that the former far outweighs the latter.

Officials also take the view that solicitors and accountants are not the only people facing difficulties over increased premiums: doctors face a 70 per cent rise in subscriptions to their medical defence unions and architects, surveyors and engineers are also facing steep rises.

Solicitors firms are obliged to carry £500,000 minimum cover through the Law Society's master policy scheme. But a proportion of firms, at least the 2 per cent with more than 15 partners, arrange their own top-up cover.

The amount available for City firms handling multi-million pound transactions is critical.

# Tough new laws on woodlands in force

By Hugh Clayton Environment Correspondent

Landowners who cut down woodlands without permission can be made to replant them under tough new forestry laws which operate from today.

The Forestry Commission will also have a new power to enter private land, plant trees on it and charge the cost to the owner.

They will apply only to large groups of trees, and will not prevent householders from cutting down trees.

The new rule will enable the Forestry Commission to serve an order on a convicted person forcing him or her to plant new trees on the land and maintain them for up to 10 years.

An order could state which type of trees had to be planted, so that if broadleaves were felled illegally the owner would not be able to replace them with faster-growing conifers.

Owners who fail to carry out replanting orders can be fined up to £2,000.

The new law enables owners who object to replanting orders issued against them to appeal to ministers.

Official surveys show that more than a third of wildlife-rich ancient woodland in Britain has been cut down since 1945.



A refreshing pause for Mark Gaynor, a "living painting", during a seven-hour stunt on a wall, suspended in harnesses and covered from head to foot in acrylic and grespaint. Mr Gaynor is one of three former art students bringing a new meaning to still life at the DIY '86 Exhibition, which opened at the Novotel Centre, Hammersmith, west London, yesterday.

# 'Millions wasted' on poor design of prison buildings

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Tens of millions of pounds have been wasted because of the "monumental incompetence" of the Home Office in the building of jails, the Prison Reform Trust said yesterday.

By the Home Office's own estimates millions of pounds have been wasted, Mr Stephen Shaw, the trust's director, said.

The catalogue of faults cited by the trust ranges from building facilities that are never used, to the whole high-security prison at Full Sutton, near York, costing more than £20 million, which the Home Office admits was surplus to requirements, the trust said.

The accusations reflect the trust's continuing concern about the ability of the Home Office to deliver an adequate building programme.

Mr Shaw referred to evidence given earlier this year by Home Office officials to the Commons Public Accounts Committee that, for example, the intended renovation of Wormwood Scrubs had involved the construction of new buildings which subsequently were found to be unusable because of a change in plans.

He disclosed that a letter to him from Mr Christopher Train, director general of the prison service, indicated that Full Sutton may never be used for the purpose for which it was designed.

Furthermore the committee had criticized the design for replicating the acknowledged mistakes made in another maximum-security prison, Frankland, Durham.

At Liverpool new cell doors fell off hinges, adding £50,000 to costs. Mr Shaw said. Repairs to Wymott Prison in the first six years it was open represent 70 per cent of the original costs of building.

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### Science report

## Physicists are close to the elusive 'top quark'

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Physicists at the European Laboratory for Particle Physics (CERN) in Geneva may have caught a glimpse of the "top" quark, one of the basic building blocks of all matter in the universe.

The new evidence for the existence of the missing quark comes from the repetition of an experiment made on the laboratory's huge underground accelerator, which is housed in a circular tunnel that runs under the French-Swiss border.

The observations were made in an experiment carried out in a proton-synchrotron, which is a machine that allows beams of particles accelerated to near the speed of light to collide.

Bunches of protons were crashed into groups of anti-protons (the anti-matter counterparts) moving at the same speed but in the opposite direction.

subjects of a special conference at the Institute of Particle Physics, held recently at Stanford University in California.

Five different quarks have been identified from the tell-tale trails they leave in special electronic detectors, emulsions or gases in instruments attached to accelerators.

Since present theory states that quarks must exist in pairs, scientists have been searching for the "top" quark to match the earlier discovery of the "bottom" quark.

The first evidence of the top quark came three years ago, in the UA-1 experiment at CERN.

While the method sounds easy, the practice is horrendous. Most of the collisions produce a shower of "junk", or mundane particles that are not very interesting to the theorists.

The second problem is that many signatures look alike.

Repeats of the UA-1 experiment suggests that the number of sightings of the top quark have reached a total of 48.

Describing the next stage in the hunt, Dr Ludwik Dobrzynski, of the Stanford Linear Accelerator Centre, said the CERN accelerator produced collisions with energies of 630 billion electron volts. But the large United States centre of Fermilab, outside Chicago, was gearing up for an acceleration of 2,000 billion electron volts.

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Children in care 'denied' home link

Weekend of terror: ● Libyan fears of attack ● Horror in Istanbul ● EEC reaction

Tripoli braces itself for reprisals as US and Israel promise revenge

From Nicholas Beeston Valletta

Libya was yesterday bracing itself for possible repercussions after Arab terrorist attacks in Karachi and Istanbul, as investigators in the two cities tried to identify the groups involved, and the United States and Israel promised to avenge their dead. Helicopters and other military aircraft have been taken out of their hangars and spread out on waste ground or camouflaged among trees at Tripoli Airport, supposedly to make them a less easy target for US bombers. The airport was protected by soldiers manning new Soviet-made anti-aircraft guns, and civilian planes were flying on a broad detour around the city to avoid confusion with possible attacking aircraft. The Libyan leader, Colonel Gaddafi, was last reported in Kampala on Saturday, where he dismissed accusations of his country's involvement in the Pan Am hijacking as an "irresponsible fallacy". But his countrymen did not appear to share his confidence in declarations of innocence, and Tripoli was rife with speculation that a second US raid might be mounted against Libya should evidence be uncovered that pointed to state-sponsored terrorism. One important element in a future US-Libyan confrontation could be the Libyan radar stations near Benghazi, which are under reconstruction after being destroyed earlier this year by US bombers. In Malta, Libyan visitors were taken to Tripoli on a special flight, apparently arranged because they were afraid of being stranded abroad should the US launch an air raid. One Libyan student, returning home from Britain on holiday, said that where possible families living near military positions were leaving their homes until the tense situation became calmer. For the Libyans, one of the most unnerving aspects of the current crisis is the location of the US Sixth Fleet, which fought a brief engagement with Libya earlier this year over the Gulf of Sirte and gave air support to F111 bombers when they made their raid in April. The recent terrorist attacks were particularly ominous for Libya because they came at the conclusion of a week-long tour of European capitals by General Vernon Walters, the US Ambassador to the UN, who claimed US intelligence had uncovered plans by Libyan-backed groups to carry out further terrorist missions. On the scant evidence available, however, it does not look as though Libya was directly involved in the Pan Am hijacking, which it is thought was carried out by Palestinians linked to the mainstream PLO, loyal to Mr Yasser Arafat. The hijackers reportedly demanded the release of three terrorists, including a Briton, who are members of the crack PLO Force 17 unit. They are in prison in Cyprus for the murder of three Israeli holidaymakers. Although Libya, like Syria, has good relations with hard-line Palestinian splinter groups, including the terrorist organization led by Abu Nidal, it is generally opposed to the PLO and Mr Arafat. Until it can be proved which groups or countries were behind the two attacks, no retaliation is expected, but Libyans more than anyone will be eager to hear what the three captured hijackers tell their Pakistani interrogators during questioning. ● NAPLES: The US aircraft carrier Forrester returned to the Sixth Fleet base in Naples yesterday after an unscheduled departure during the Karachi hijacking (Reuter reports). A US Navy spokesman said the Forrester had returned but would not comment on how long it would remain in Naples or give any further details.

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Bloodstained shoes from the hijacked jumbo await collection at Karachi yesterday as survivors queue for a Frankfurt flight.

Libya says it disapproves of gun attack

Tripoli (AP) — Libya yesterday said it harboured no hostility towards Jews and, referring to the Istanbul synagogue attack, said it disapproved of attacks on "such innocent people". The official Libyan news agency, Jana, said Libyans "do not agree with attacks on the lives of such innocent people who are, like the Arab nation, victims of Zionism". ● NICOSIA: Mr Hossein Moussavi, the Iranian Prime Minister, denounced the Pan Am hijacking and synagogue attack as "unacceptable".

In the synagogue of death

From Mario Modiano, Istanbul  
Neve Shalom synagogue, scene of the Sabbath carnage in Istanbul, is at 69 Buyuk Hendek, a narrow, winding street of old shops leading to the Galata Tower, one of the main landmarks of this ancient city. Neve Shalom is Hebrew for "oasis of peace". By a sad coincidence it is also the name of a kibbutz in Israel dedicated to a working experiment in Arab-Jewish co-existence. The synagogue, after the attack by two Arab terrorists, was a shambles, wrecked by the hail of machine-gun fire, hand grenades and the fire that followed. The large, domed temple, behind a discreet facade of grey limestone, recently redecorated, held its first Sabbath service on Saturday. The grandfather clock near the entrance had stopped. It showed that the service lasted only 17 minutes. When the Turkish police allowed journalists to visit the scene yesterday, the mutilated, dismembered bodies of the 21 victims and the two suicidal assailants had been removed to the mortuary. Through miscalculation, perhaps, several empty coffins lay about on the floor among the shattered stained glass of the windows, the broken benches and the bloodstained carpets. A charred prayer book resting on an armchair had been left open at the pages of the Kaddish, the Jewish prayer for the dead. There was a strong smell of burnt paper about. Neve Shalom is the biggest of Istanbul's 15 synagogues, of which about two-thirds are in use by the city's 20,000 Jews, mostly descendants of the Sephardic Jews who fled the Spanish Inquisition after 1492. There are some 2,000 Muslim Turks, even among the religious fundamentalists whose hostility is directed more towards Israel than the Jews. During the Second World War the Jews here, like other minorities, suffered from the harsh "capital tax" and forced labour imposed by the regime. At the end of the war, thousands of Turkish Jews emigrated to Israel. Turkey downgraded its relations with Israel six years ago, reacting to the annexation of east Jerusalem. Representation in both countries has since been limited to embassy second secretary level, although the recent nomination of diplomats of higher rank at the head of the respective missions has been interpreted as heralding better relations. Mr Yessid, asked whether Turkey's Jews felt any allegiance to Israel, replied: "As every Jew in the world." He said that two small plastic bombs had been found near Jewish institutions some years ago, but there had been no threats and no attacks until Saturday. It was fortunate, Mr Yessid added, that most members of the community were still away on their summer holidays. "On Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, which this year falls in October, there may have been as many as 1,000 people in that synagogue," he said.

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Gandhi-Zia clash over hijack tactics

Harare (AP) — The leaders of India and Pakistan sharply disagreed at the weekend over the handling of the Karachi hijacking. Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, said the hijack was bungled at the cost of many lives, and that Pakistan had encouraged hijacking by not returning Sikh extremist hijackers to India. President Zia of Pakistan said his Government took decisive action to prevent the aircraft being blown up.

Soviet press accuses West over Daniloff

From Christopher Walker, Moscow  
As the detention by the KGB of Mr Nicholas Daniloff, the American correspondent, moved into its second week, the official Soviet press yesterday broke its silence to accuse the West of using the affair as a smokescreen to distract world attention from continuing US nuclear tests despite the renewed Soviet moratorium. Following the disclosure that President Reagan had intervened personally with a letter asking Mr Gorbachov to secure Mr Daniloff's release, Pravda, the Communist Party newspaper, accused US officials of making an undue fuss. Later last night Tass issued a tightly-worded commentary on Mr Daniloff's arrest and the subsequent ouster in Washington, under the uncompromising headline "Diversions manoeuvre with little chance of success". The broadside in the official media coincided with a claim to The Times by Mrs Ruth Daniloff, the imprisoned reporter's British wife, that her husband, aged 52, was being subjected to "severe psychological pressure" during his continuing interrogation. Following a 20-minute telephone conversation with her husband on Saturday, Mrs Daniloff said he had been told he would definitely be sent for trial. He was told by his KGB interrogators that they had been convinced he was working for the CIA by an article he had written on the KGB two years ago. "During the interrogation the KGB repeatedly ask him 'What spy school did you go to?'" Mrs Daniloff told me.

Delhi rule imposed in Kashmir

By Kuldip Nayyar  
Delhi has imposed President's rule in the state of Jammu and Kashmir because the Governor's rule, in force since March 6, could not be extended beyond six months under the terms of the state's separate constitution. President Zail Singh has stepped in under article 356 of the Indian constitution, which empowers him to intervene when a state's constitutional machinery fails. In practice there will be no change. The Governor had been running the administration under the state's constitution. Now he will run it under the Indian constitution as the President's agent. The six-month limit specified for this arrangement can be extended to two years. The legal riddle came about because Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, who also heads the Congress (I) party, has been unable to strike terms for a coalition government in the state with Dr Farooq Abdullah, head of the National Conference Party, who was ousted as Chief Minister by Mrs Indira Gandhi. National Conference, which does not have a majority in the state legislature, has recently been hit by defections. Dr Abdullah has been resisting a coalition with Congress (I), arguing that the nearer a leader gets to the Delhi Government the lower he goes in the estimation of the people of the Kashmir valley, who are 90 per cent Muslim. However, the negotiations are continuing.

Finland honours former president

From Olli Kivinen  
Helsinki  
The Finnish people paid their last respects to former President Urho Kekkonen in a sombre state funeral yesterday afternoon. Tens of thousands of people gathered along the 2-mile route from the cathedral to the national cemetery. President Kekkonen, who held office for 25 years, died on August 31, aged 85. His funeral did not become an occasion for East-West political meetings as only Scandinavian countries were represented by heads of state. Sweden and Norway sent their Kings and the Soviet

Cautious attempt at reform in climate of uncertainty

President Paul Biya of Cameroon is introducing cautious reforms in a climate of uncertainty. In the first of two reports, *Caribbean Reports from Yaounde on the President's progress*. Late last month the *Tribune*, Cameroon's French-language daily newspaper, was given an unusual story by the Government. It concerned the release of 14 influential political prisoners, a rare event in West Africa, on the orders of President Biya. A few days later, Mr Biya began a state visit to West Germany, leaving his administrators and generals to cope with the disruptive aftermath of a volcanic gas explosion, the worst natural disaster in the country's history. Two apparently unrelated events, but together illustrating growing confidence in the stability of a country with every right to be considered among the most susceptible on the continent to inter-ethnic conflicts. The republic inherited by Mr Biya in 1982 is a bewildering mosaic of tribal, religious and cultural communities that provide all the ingredients for tension and rivalry. Cameroon is the only African country in which French and English are both official languages, a legacy of the United Nations Trust Territories which merged to form an independent republic in 1961. There are 213 separate tribes, with numerous sub-clans. Those of the northern regions bordering Chad and Nigeria are largely Muslim, those of the south are predominantly Christian, and animism (ancient traditional religion) persists throughout the country. This volatile cocktail exploded in 1984 when Mr Biya, a southern Christian, tried to change members of an elite presidential guard created by his predecessor, Mr Ahmadou Ahidjo, a northern Muslim. He survived an assault on his palace by the enraged guards, thanks to prompt intervention by loyal Army units, but the warning was salutary. Mr Biya has since moved

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cautiously in introducing political and social reforms aimed at a more democratic system of government and eliminating the notorious corruption of the previous regime. A gradual replacement of the old-guard political mafia with a younger generation of technocrats has produced seven reshuffles at ministerial level so far. His boldest move was to initiate free elections to the sole party, the Rassemblement Démocratique du Peuple Camérien. Diplomats in Yaounde, the capital, agree that Mr Biya's leadership has been fairly positive, and regard him as the closest thing in Africa to the Western concept of a social democrat. They are sceptical about reports of repression, and estimate the number of political opponents still in detention at less than 10. One problem has been an excessively slow-moving bureaucracy, with its roots in the centralized power of the presidency. Embassies tend to deal directly with the President's staff, rather than with ministers, for executive decisions. Mr Biya is aware of the problem, and French consultants are understood to be advising him on moves to derive authority. The opposition is fragmented and largely in exile, and there is no evidence of serious discord between Christians and Muslims. Anglo-French linguistic tensions are more apparent. Opportunities for higher education and careers in state administration are limited without a mastery of French. Hence there have been periodic rumblings of discontent from the Anglophones, who constitute almost a quarter of the 10-million population. Mr Biya has gone some way towards appeasing them with public speeches in English. A more concrete move begins this month with an English-language teaching programme for senior civil servants, under the auspices of the British Council. The greatest threat to stability may come from the increasingly well-educated young, impatient for greater political and intellectual freedom. For the moment Mr Biya's cautious experiment in liberalism appears to be working. But the complex demographic composition of Cameroon makes its future as unpredictable as the volcano that spewed sudden death last month. Tomorrow: The economy

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Addis's man in Paris quits

Paris (Reuter) — Mr Getachaw Kibret, the Ethiopian Ambassador to France since 1983, has resigned and is thought to have defected to the West. The Justice Minister from 1979 to 1983, he is one of few career diplomats who served under both Emperor Haile Selassie, who was ousted in 1974, and the Marxist President Mengistu Haile Mariam. The French Foreign Ministry said he told the Paris Government last week that he was leaving. He has not applied for asylum and is understood to have left France.

Basques meet on breakthrough

Madrid — Members of the Basque Nationalist Party meet in San Sebastian today to decide whether to join a breakaway party seeking more autonomy from Madrid (A Correspondent writes). Six deputies in the Basque Parliament said that they would join, and 10-15 defections would force a dissolution of the Parliament.

Tunis leader flees to Sicily

Tunis (Reuter) — Mr Muhammad Mzali, the Prime Minister of Tunisia dismissed in July, was smuggled to Algeria and is now in Palermo, Sicily, say sources close to his family. The disappearance of Mr Mzali, aged 60, was recognised when a source said that an inquiry had been opened. Several family members have been held over allegations of financial mismanagement.

Patched up

Delhi (AFP) — Some 18,000 textile workers employed by the Delhi Cloth Mills ended a 101-day strike after agreeing a £25 advance and £4 a month pay increase.

Murphy talks

Damascus (Reuter) — Mr Richard Murphy, the US envoy, discussed Middle East peace with President Assad of Syria and the Syrian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr Issam al-Nachb.

Killer drink

Colombo (AP) — Contaminated water has killed 15 people and put 100 in hospital in 10 days near the western coastal town of Puttalam, the health authorities said.

Six netted

Dhaka (AP) — Bangladesh has seized six Indian trawlers with 60 crewmen for alleged unauthorized fishing in territorial waters off the south-western coast. Five trawlers were held on August 27.

Fresh orders

Khartoum (Reuter) — Major-General Abdul-Aziz Siddik has been named Chief of Staff of Sudan's armed forces, replacing General Muhammad Tawfiq Khalil, who was dismissed last week.

Video crime

Moscow (Reuter) — Russia, the largest Soviet republic, has decreed that private showings of films and videos propagating "the cult of violence and cruelty" are punishable by two years' jail.

Buried drugs

Granada (Reuter) — Police discovered half a ton of hashish worth 200 million pesetas (about £1 million) buried on the beach of Piedra de la Gorra on the Costa del Sol.

Muslim post

Meiella, Spain (Reuter) — Mr Omar Duda, Muslim leader in this North African Spanish enclave, is to accept a senior Madrid Government post in charge of relations with ethnic minorities.

Speaker goes

Mr John Bosley, aged 39, has resigned as Speaker of Canada's House of Commons amid Opposition allegations that he was nudged aside by the Conservative Government. He is expected to be succeeded by Mr Marcel Denis, of Quebec.

China visit

Peking (AP) — Mr Nikolai Talyzin, the Soviet First Vice Premier, left Moscow to visit China to discuss economic co-operation and trade, the Xinhua News Agency said. Deag interview, page 8

Naval battle

Tehran (Reuter) — Iranian naval vessels damaged three Iraqi "advanced frigates" in a battle in the northern Gulf, and one had to be towed away, Tehran Radio reported.

Ferry fire

Warsaw (AP) — No one was hurt when fire broke out on a Polish car and rail ferry on its way to Sweden, forcing 23 crew and travellers to leave.

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# Non-aligned countries set up fund for black liberation movements

From A. Correspondent, Harare

The Non-Aligned Movement's eighth summit ended here shortly before dawn yesterday with the ratification of plans for a special fund to assist the frontline states and South Africa's black liberation movements.

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# Gadaffi takes 400 guards to Uganda

From Charles Harrison Nairobi

Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, flew into Uganda at the weekend accompanied by four aircraft carrying 400 Libyan security guards who formed a tight cordon around him and the airport at Entebbe, outnumbering the Ugandan security men.

His visit underlines his close relationship with President Museveni, who took power in a coup last January.

Colonel Gaddafi flew in on Saturday from Harare, where his speech to the Non-Aligned Movement last week attracted world attention when he described the movement as useless and criticized the few African states that have established diplomatic relations with Israel.

At an Entebbe press conference, Colonel Gaddafi again denied that Libya was involved in last week's hijacking of the Pan Am 747 airliner at Karachi.

President Museveni visited Libya in mid-August, where he concluded a barter trade deal.

It is ironic that Colonel Gaddafi should now be so friendly with Uganda. In 1979 he sent troops to fight for the former dictator, Idi Amin, when he was being driven out by a mixed military force which included Mr Museveni.

# US congressman reviews future of Polish sanctions

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The most influential American politician to visit Poland since the military crackdown five years ago yesterday left Warsaw after four intensive days of talks with ministers, a Politburo member, Solidarity advisers and the Primate, Cardinal Jozef Glemp.

Mr Stephen Solarz, a senior member of the House foreign affairs committee, said he had discussed "the fate and future of political prisoners" and "the possibility of establishing a broader dialogue" between authorities and society in talks with government officials.

The aim of the congressman's visit was to assess the future of US sanctions against Poland, imposed when martial law was declared in the winter of 1981. The Poles say that the US is still enforcing the two most hurtful sanctions: a ban on new credits and the suspension of Poland's most favoured nation trading status.

His talks were intended to answer the questions: how far are sanctions hurting Poland, what effect are they having on Polish policy, and to what degree has the Government relaxed its grip since martial law?

His analysis will be crucial to the future of US sanctions policy towards Warsaw. Warsaw's position was put to Mr Solarz at meetings with

Mr Jan Kinast, the deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Andrzej Wojcik, the Foreign Trade Minister, and Mr Jozef Czyrek, a senior member of the Politburo.

The view was that the US was harming both US-Polish relations — already described as "rock bottom" by General Jaruzelski, the head of state — and economic reform.

Solidarity and Romao Catholic Church advisers in Warsaw and Cracow explained that time was needed to evaluate the current amnesty for political prisoners. It was still not clear, they said, whether the amnesty would include some top figures in the outlawed Solidarity movement.

Mr Solarz, who is a Democrat representing a New York constituency with a large number of Polish Americans, evidently had some sympathy for this view. However, his final assessment will not be known until he reports in Washington.



President Castro of Cuba listening through headphones to a speech at the Non-Aligned Movement summit in Harare.

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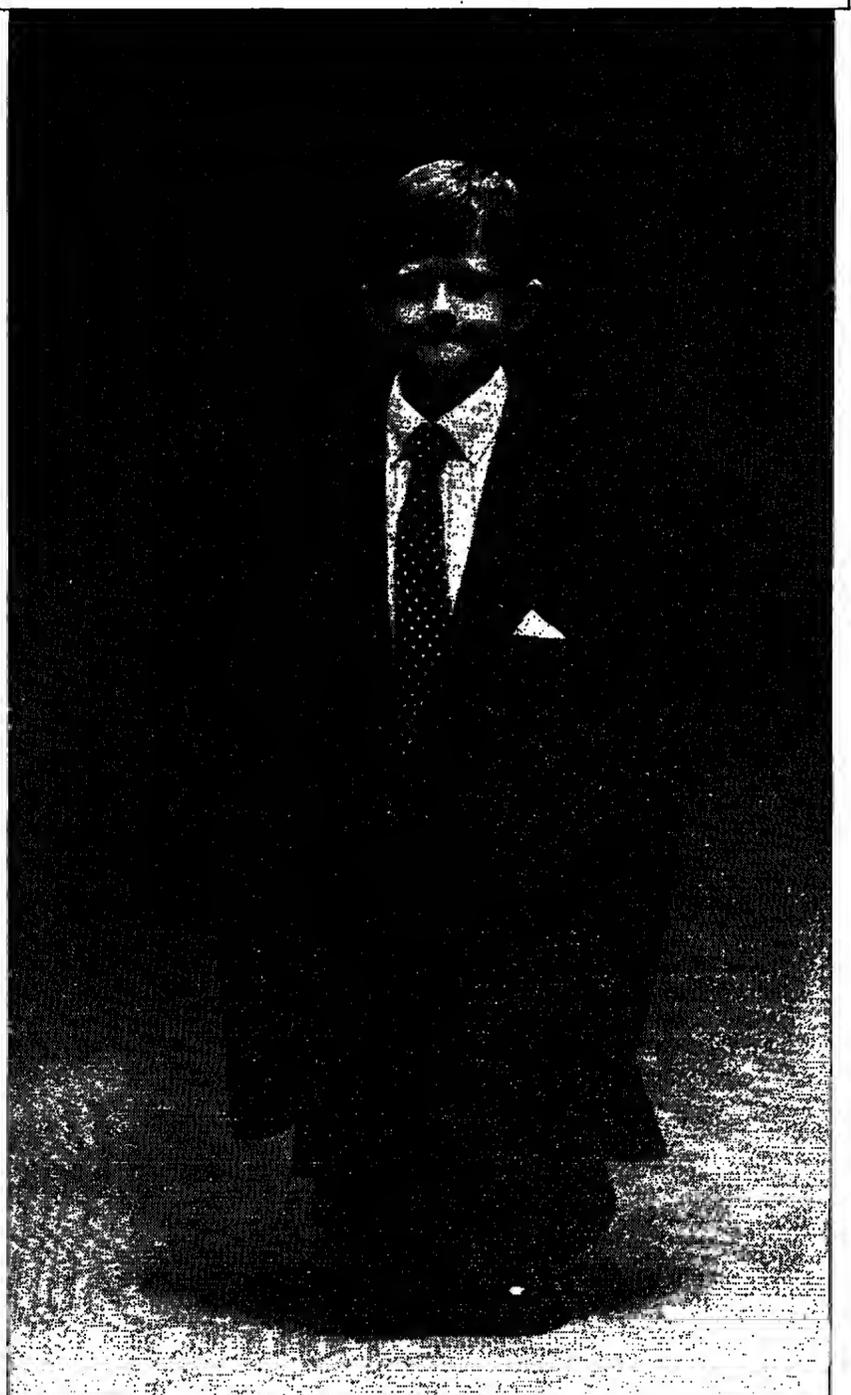
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# Botha seeks closer ties with Taiwan

From David Watts, Tokyo

The Foreign Minister of South Africa, Mr R. F. "Pik" Botha, is beginning the second stage of his Asian tour with a visit to Taiwan, in search of more trade and strengthened ties.

Taiwan and South Africa have been thrust together by their international isolation. Since the flood of countries recognizing Peking, Taiwan now exchanges ambassadors with only 22 countries, of which South Africa is one of the most important.

The Botha visit comes immediately after a new trade agreement between the two countries, which calls for increased Taiwanese purchases of South African maize.

Taiwan is hoping to buy 600,000 tons a year from November, after three years of drought in South Africa which reduced purchases to nil.

The agreement also deals with scientific and technical co-operation and co-operation in a whole range of other fields, including the removal of tariffs and other barriers and duties on semi-finished products from South Africa imported into Taiwan, which are then re-exported to South Africa.

But the renewed agreement is likely to have little initial impact on what is a rather disappointing trade picture, from the South African point of view. Two-way trade was worth only \$500 million last year, a modest figure by world standards. It has held steady since 1982, when it fell from \$600 million.

The South Africans would like Taiwan to buy more of their minerals and agricultural products, while there has been a certain reserve on the part of

South Africa goods.

Undoubtedly Mr Botha will have more serious things to talk about than grain.

There is no risk of Taiwan taking any action against South Africa on sanctions. Pretoria is the only world capital still calling Taiwan by the name it prefers, the Republic of China. As in Japan, Mr Botha will be asking the Taiwanese to try to influence their friends not to take any action on sanctions in the event of Japan, the EEC and the United States tightening up.

More important, he will be asking for lines of supply to be kept open from those markets via Taiwan. Sophisticated computers will most probably be on his list. South Africa has no difficulty with supplies of smaller computers but large mainframes could be problematic.

After his Taiwan visit, Mr Botha goes to Hong Kong.



Mr 'Pik' Botha: looking east for business and backing.

# Church sit-in by Spanish farm workers

From A Correspondent Madrid

Three hundred farm labourers from Spain's southern agricultural region of Andalusia continued to occupy the church of St Thomas Aquinas in Madrid yesterday and picketed government offices, for the fifth successive day, after failing to obtain a state pardon for Senior Diego Castanero and 600 other farm labourers who were convicted of taking part in illegal land occupations in 1984 and were due to be taken to prison on Friday.

The anomalous legal situation of Senior Castanero and his followers is seen by many Andalusian politicians as highlighting the inadequacy of the Socialist Government's response to the problems of the region, where the mechanization of agriculture since Spain joined the EEC has exacerbated unemployment.

# Cambodians beg to keep UN protection

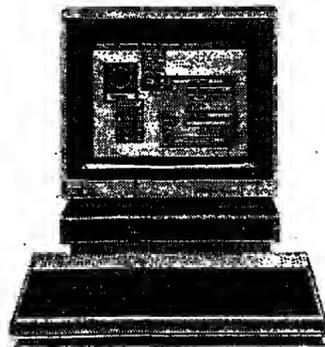
From Neil Kelly Bangkok

Thousands of Cambodian refugees in Thailand made a mass appeal at the weekend to be allowed to stay under United Nations protection.

They waved banners saying "We are real refugees" and "We want to stay under UN protection" at the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr Jean-Pierre Hocke, who was visiting the Khao I Dang camp, eight miles from the Cambodian border.

The banners referred to claims by some Thai officials that the Cambodians are not genuine refugees, and to a plan to close the camp and move its 25,000 inmates to holding centres on the Cambodian border.

Mr Hocke said he was concerned for the refugees and would begin talks about them with the Thais in November.



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On the eve of historic Thatcher visit

# Norway facing instability

From Tony Samstag Oslo

By the admission of its Prime Minister, Norway, until recently the envy of Europe for its affluence and stability, has become an economic and political stumbles, virtually ungovernable, and will remain so at least until the next general election in 1989.

Mrs Gro Harlem Brundtland, who took over in April as head of a minority Labour Government, says she is resigned to the danger that her country might develop over the next three years into the "Italy of northern Europe", where successive governments rise and fall with monotonous regularity until the constitution specifies that the next election can take place.

In an interview at the weekend, her first with the British press, Mrs Brundtland told *The Times*: "What we do not know is how long this minority Government will last. It would be bad if Norway were to change governments every half-year...but this could happen."

The rot had set in, in her view, as early as the end of 1984, when it was already clear "the Norwegian economy was badly led, in an expansive atmosphere of enormously increased private consumption and high levels of credit, which reduced competitiveness and overheated the economy long before the dramatic fall in the oil



Mrs Brundtland: facing unprecedented turmoil.

price". Mrs Thatcher is to visit Norway on Thursday and Friday this week, an historic visit bringing together Europe's only two woman Prime Ministers.

The invitation was issued and accepted during the administration of Mrs Brundtland's Conservative predecessor, Mr Kåre Willoch, who resigned after his "Easter package" of emergency budget measures was defeated in the Storting (Parliament).

His coalition Government was said at the time to have been the world's first political casualty of the collapse in oil prices and Norway, Europe's second-largest oil producer, has been struggling ever since to pick up the pieces in a Parliament with no clear majority and what Mrs Brundtland describes as an in-built potential for stalemate at every turn.

Mrs Thatcher's visit is the first by a serving British Prime Minister since Norway has existed as a separate nation. It takes place against a background of unprecedented domestic political turmoil.

The Prime Minister has called a crisis meeting on the economy, at which she will try to persuade employers and trade unions to make yet more unpalatable sacrifices in the national interest.

Mrs Brundtland, preoccupied with domestic in-fighting, plummeting public opinion polls and the imminent prospect of the fight of her political life, refuses to be drawn on potential flash-points in her discussions with Mrs Thatcher.

There are several. One is what Norway has seen for years as British intransigence in refusing to accept Scandinavian arguments implicating the Central Electricity Generating Board in much of the air pollution responsible for "acid rain"; others might well include nuclear power, "the burning South Africa issue", and perhaps especially "the East-West situation, the outlook for negotiations on peace and arms control".

Norway's development under its new Labour Government as one of the "footnote nations" of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization has attracted a great deal of attention in Europe, and with reason.

As Mrs Brundtland emphasizes, any reservation registered by Norway represents "the majority in the Government and the majority in the Norwegian Parliament", unlike Denmark's more frequent (and notorious) "footnotes", where "the Danish Government does not believe in the footnote itself". The split in Denmark between Government and Parliament has lasted several years.

When she agreed to form a new government, Mrs Brundtland said equal opportunity for women would be a cornerstone of her policies.

She wasted no time, appointing a Cabinet in which eight out of 18 ministers were women, a world record 44.4 per cent. The Storting already had a record 34 per cent of women MPs. The world (and its wife) took immediate notice, fascinated.

Mrs Brundtland, an extremely serious woman who might be expected to bridle she bridges easily - at such a frivolous approach, is unruffled. On the contrary: "These statistics show women in this country are much better off than women in most other countries."

Mrs Brundtland concludes that she is looking forward to welcoming Mrs Thatcher on Thursday, and reliable sources indicate that the chances of the Labour Government remaining in power at least that long are excellent.



Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, right, shaking hands with the Chinese Vice-Premier, Mr Wan Li, before a tennis match at Mr Hawke's Canberra residence at the start of Mr Wan's visit.

China, which gave the world ping-pong diplomacy, had to concede to Australian competitiveness yesterday in this new bilateral sporting contact. Mr Hawke, aged 55, and his partner beat Mr Wan, aged 81, and his partner 6-3, 7-5 (Stephen Taylor writes from Sydney). Mr Wan had defeated Mr Hawke in China earlier this year. Yesterday's result may have been influenced by the fact that Mr Hawke was partnered by Mr Frank Sedgman, the former Wimbledon singles champion, while Mr Wan's partner, Mr Li Furong, was only a former world champion at table tennis.

## Threat to Japan's relations with Seoul

From David Watts Tokyo

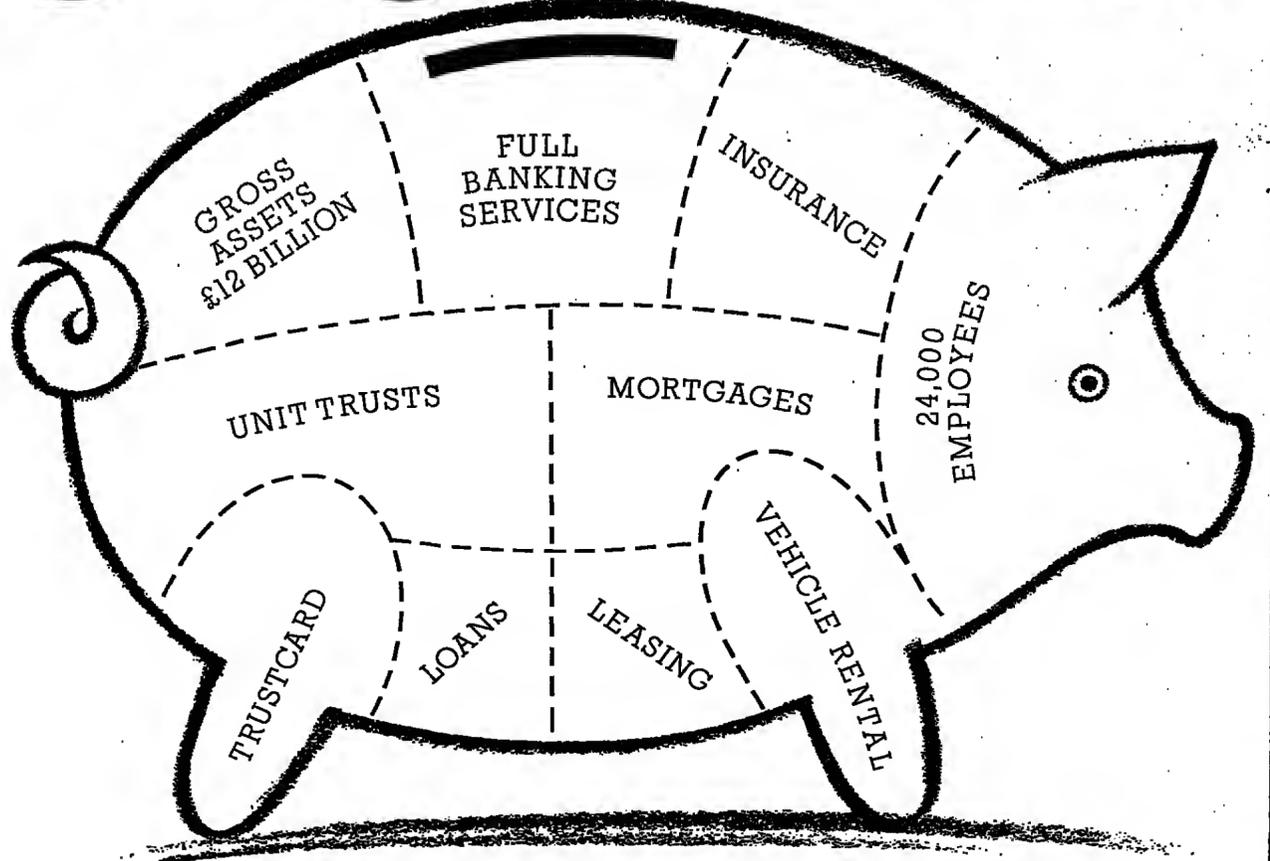
A new diplomatic incident is threatening relations between Japan and South Korea, two weeks before the Japanese Prime Minister is to visit Seoul.

The embarrassment is over a magazine interview given by the Minister of Education, Mr Masayuki Fujio, in which he claimed that the annexation of Korea took place "with the *de facto* and *de jure* agreements of the two sides" and that the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were more certain as historical fact than the Nanking massacre in 1937. He is quoted as saying: "I wonder which cases should be tried by wartime international law."

He also claimed that Japan was "slashing its own arms and legs... to adjust to foreign countries". The South Korean Embassy in Tokyo said the interview, in the intellectual monthly *Bungei Shunju*, may cause a fresh crisis in relations.

There is speculation that Mr Fujio will have to resign, or Mr Nakasone's visit may have to be postponed or cancelled. Woman leader: Miss Takako Doi became the first woman leader of a major Japanese political party at the weekend when she took over the chairmanship of the Socialists.

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## Rights groups take place of UN forum

By Caroline Moorehead

A three-day seminar on human rights in the United Nations begins today in Geneva. Organized by a number of independent human rights groups, it has been set up to replace the annual session of the UN's Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, whose three working groups - on slavery, indigenous populations and confidential communications - were cancelled earlier this year on financial grounds, despite considerable worldwide protest.

The cancellation was regarded by human rights organizations as a severe blow. The sub-commission, which consisted of 26 independent experts, had been meeting for five weeks each summer to hear evidence of abuses of human rights and to agree on ways to curb persecution. It had been influential in implementing new international agreements on torture, and in bringing to public notice child labour and the "disappearances" in Latin America.

Its third permanent working group, dealing with confidential communications, was widely agreed to be the most effective. Through it, individuals were able to present their own cases of torture and persecution, over the heads of their government. The leading role in setting up the alternative seminar was taken by the Anti-Slavery Society, a British-registered charity founded in 1839 and the oldest human rights organization in the world.

With help from the Norwegian Government, the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, Oxfam, the World Council of Churches, the Ford Foundation and others, it raised £50,000 to pay for the three days of meetings. The seminar agenda includes a debate on the ways in which the UN machinery for human rights should be strengthened. Its delegates will also be trying to convince the UN that human rights should be regarded as an integral part of its work and not as an easy-to-cancel optional extra. Leading article, page 13

## Ceasefire offered by Aquino

From Keith Dalton Manila

Philippine government negotiators have proposed a 30-day ceasefire with Communist rebels while full-scale peace talks aimed at ending the 17-year guerrilla war are held.

The proposal, put to rebel emissaries at a secret Manila meeting, is a bold move to revive discussions which have been stalled for a month by squabbles over safe-conduct passes and procedural matters. But the left-wing envoys, representing the umbrella group the National Democratic Front (NDF), have asked for time to discuss the ceasefire plan with leaders of the banned Communist Party and its military wing, the New People's Army.

The Government's new initiative came the day after President Aquino's unprecedented peace mission to end the Muslim rebellion in the southern Philippines. Mrs Aquino on Friday flew to the Moro National Liberation Front stronghold on the far southern island of Jolo and persuaded Mr Nur Misuari, the rebel leader, to continue the fortnight-old ceasefire and begin peace negotiations.

Finding a solution to the two rebellions, both legacies of the 20-year Marcos regime, has been given high priority during the first six months of Mrs Aquino's administration, and her initial successes are expected to win her warm praise when she visits the United States next week.

The long-delayed second round of talks with the left-wing rebels on Saturday lasted four hours at an undisclosed location in Manila. The first meeting was on August 5. The NDF's view that a ceasefire should be part of a comprehensive political settlement "differs fundamentally from the immediate ceasefire proposed by the government channel", which believes a ceasefire provides a proper climate for substantial peace talks, a joint statement said. The envoys agreed to meet again in two weeks.

## Deng sets conditions for summit

From Robert Grievies Peking

In a wide-ranging interview, parts of which were aired yesterday on the American news programme "60 Minutes", Mr Deng Xiaoping, China's leader, spoke at length about the possibility of a Sino-Soviet summit, his retirement plans and the problem of Taiwan.

The interview was given on September 2 in Peking to CBS News. In the interview Mr Deng said: "If Gorbachov takes a solid step towards the removal of the three obstacles to Sino-Soviet relations, particularly requiring Vietnam to end its aggression in Kampuchea and withdraw its troops from there, I myself will be ready to meet him."

Peking has said that three obstacles prevent a rapprochement between the two Communist giants: Soviet support for the Vietnamese occupation of Cambodia, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the deployment of some 50 Soviet military divisions on the Sino-Soviet border.

On the question of his retirement, Mr Deng said: "To be quite frank, I am persuading our people to let me retire at the party's 13th national congress next year. But so far, what I have heard is dissenting voices all around."

Mr Deng said that Taiwan remained a great obstacle in Sino-US relations and labelled as "not true" the US assertion that it was pursuing a policy of "non-involvement". Mr Deng: hoping to retire at next party congress.

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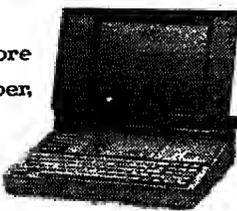
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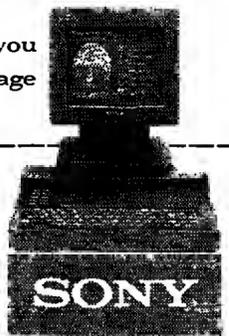
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The Church of England is ruled by the General Synod, a group with immense power whose decisions affect millions, though few churchgoers know its inner workings. In the first of a series,

Charles Moore reveals how this power is wielded, assesses its impact on the laity and asks why the Synod is so unrepresentative of the movement

# The shadowy figures who rule from afar

It is not generally known that the General Synod governs many aspects of the Church, although its more controversial debates and decisions are widely reported. It may be that the Synod is the most important influence in the organization, tone and even the theology of the modern Church, yet it is understood by scarcely anyone outside its own membership.

The Synod was inaugurated by the Queen in 1970. Its total membership is 560, divided into three houses — bishops, clergy and laity. The clergy compose the lower houses of the two Convocations.

The laity are elected by deanery synods which are themselves chosen by parochial church councils, for which in turn a small minority of churchgoers vote. So "democracy" is mitigated by a good many intermediate stages.

The result is that the laity which takes an interest in the Synod is untypical of congregations. It requires a special sort of mind to wish to fulfil the work of the Holy Spirit through the machinery of the General Synod.

It also requires a special sort of occupation. The Synod meets for 11 full days each year. Because clergymen are busiest on Sundays, most of the sessions have to take place on weekdays. They occupy full working days. Almost all the lay people taking part are either rich or old, or both, and not enough of them have strong connections with uneclesiastical occupations.

Because the Synod is a legislative body, it needs a proper secretariat. Even its most active members cannot expect to rival the knowledge of its permanent staff because, unlike MPs, they have a forum for less than two

weeks of the year. It follows that the Synod's paid servants are powerful men. It is generally acknowledged that one man has run the Synod almost from its foundation in 1970: Derek Pattinson, secretary-general since 1972.

Pattinson, who is a bachelor, is the pattern, almost the caricature, of a discreetly powerful Civil Servant (which is what he was before he joined the Synod). He has a large head but very small feet which emerge from pin-stripe trousers, with the suave manner and orderly movements and appearance of one accustomed to getting his way without public attention. There is no important work done in the Synod without his approval.

When the Synod meets Pattinson is its secretary and sits next to the chairman of each session surveying the three-quarter circle before him and referring to a large file containing photographs of the members. He understands the composition of the unofficial factions in the Synod — Evangelicals, Anglo-Catholics, radicals — and advises the chairman whom to call. He is also the chief executive. He runs Church House, meeting the heads of all its departments every Tuesday morning, influencing all important appointments and sitting on important committees.

His religious and political views are naturally subjects of great interest to members of the Synod. The general opinion is that he is a moderately conservative man who probably supports the Social Democratic Party. In religion, he verges on the Anglo-Catholic, but tempered with discretion and modernism.

In general, however, it is a mistake to look for strongly-held prejudices in Pattinson. The consistent theme which can be discerned in his attitudes is one

that any student of C Northcote-Parkinson would recognize — he wants to increase the scope and authority of his organization.

One of the many complaints made against MPs by Synod activists is that they do not know how the Synod works, and never witness its proceedings. It is worth looking at the sessions of the Synod, particularly to compare them with those of the House of Commons. After all, here is a body which has pronounced itself competent to decide the worship and doctrine of the Church of England.

Certainly it is true that the standard of debate in the Synod is high. Unlike Parliament, where time is much more plentiful, there is generally a time-limit for speeches, but each speech is listened to respectfully. On a subject like the ordination of women, where the battle lines have long been drawn and feelings run both deep and high, most debate is predetermined, but in the famous debate on nuclear weapons in February 1983, for example, the superiority of the anti-unilateralist speeches seems to have done much to sway a Synod which had been thought likely to have gone the other way.

As with most important sessions, the character of the nuclear debate was emotional but polite. Where MPs tend to stick either to details of policy or to partisan insults, Synod members like to make large speeches in the name of holy things. Canon Paul Oestreicher, a familiar figure at the Synod and on the international pacifist circuit, spoke of the need for "holy foolishness" and (hinting comparison with Greenham Common) the "women who went all the way to Golgotha with Jesus". Emotional appeals of this sort



## 'Runcie has admirable qualities without achieving greatness'

Dr Runcie is extremely well suited to the current ideal of an active archbishop. He is extremely well-organized with a strong competitive urge which drives him to enormous effort. The approved phrase to describe Dr Runcie's archbishopric is a "listening leadership". There is no doubt that this works better than a deaf leadership. And it is also true, as one of the archbishop's former staff points out, that "you need myopia to be a visionary".

Dr Runcie is not a visionary and that makes life at Lambeth Palace easier. If Dr Runcie is a man who successfully combines many admirable qualities without achieving greatness in the parts or the whole, it is sensible for him not to aspire to heights which he has no hope of attaining. Dr Runcie has neither the originality nor the arrogance to plunge the Church into a period of precipitate change. He is very keen, for example, that liturgical experiment should cease. He has launched a number of eloquent defences of the Book of Common Prayer and he is worried by the division of practice and doctrine produced by so much liturgical variety.

are assured of a good reception in the Synod, but the surest path to success in debates is to adopt a tone of humble moderation. Indeed there is a special adjective for it, "circnic" — meaning peaceful, conciliatory, vaguely holy — which is constantly used in the Synod as the highest term of praise. It was predictable that, once the Bishop of Salisbury's unilateralist motion had been rejected, the Synod would look for some compromise. It duly adopted the amendment moved by Dr Hugh Montefiore, Bishop of Birmingham, and described as "circnic" by Dr John Habgood, Bishop of Durham (now Archbishop of York), which forswore the first use, but not the

possession, of nuclear weapons. An affair which reveals the limitations and characteristic behaviour is the matter of the remarriage of divorced people in church. At the Synod of York in July 1981, the Bishop of Winchester moved a motion in response to the diocesan synods which declared that there were times when a divorced person whose husband or wife was still living should be allowed to remarry in church. The motion was approved but, as so often in the Synod, without any real agreement about the issues involved. Did the Synod think that the first marriage had to be rendered null before the

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Church could conduct a second marriage? Apparently not, but nor did it think that people had any automatic right to a second (or third, or fourth) church marriage. All the same, the Synod pressed ahead and in July 1983, it approved one of the various options for remarriage procedures which the Synod's standing committee had proposed. This recommendation, known as "Option G", left the final decision in each case to the diocesan bishop, but asked the parish priest and the couple involved to fill out various forms which would go before a committee and the bishop himself. The bishop's decision would be final and the couple would pay a fee for the service which would be non-returnable even if their petition was unsuccessful. In November 1983 the final stage of the process necessary to make Option G law was passed and the Synod congratulated itself.

At every stage of this process, many of those who voted for it were uneasy, and yet did so out of a curious feeling that the Synod should do something. It is amusing, for instance, to follow the pronouncements of Dr Habgood in 1978, when Bishop of Durham, he opposed any form of remarriage which distinguished between people. In 1981, he warned that "any decision to go forward with the remarriage of divorced persons would, I believe, be deeply divisive and would lead to very different disciplines being exercised in different dioceses, and I think this would be highly undesirable".

But in November 1983, when he was by this time Archbishop of York, Dr Habgood, after repeating his complaint that the Synod of 1981 had never agreed to the principle that marriages should be dissolved, and saying of Option G, "I simply cannot imagine, the clergy of the Church of England going through this procedure for any length of time..." nevertheless insisted that the Church should go ahead despite its "foolish procedure" and "make it work honestly".

Sure enough, Option G came to grief. In between the Synods of November 1983 and February 1984 it was discussed at meetings of clergy (the people who would have had to work the scheme) of almost all the dioceses, and rejected overwhelmingly by almost all of them. Dismayed by this, the House of Bishops produced a revised proposal for the February Synod which, not surprisingly, gave rather more power to bishops than Option G had done.

Like Option G, it insisted on restating the Church's teaching, contained in Canon B30, that marriage is lifelong, and yet devised a procedure for second marriage. It also refused to lay down criteria for remarriage, so the problems of "pastoral" discretion remained. Indeed, the Archbishop of Ipswich, who carried through an amendment insisting on a lack of criteria, actually argued as follows: "If the criteria were clearly known, people could truthfully say, 'We fit into the criteria.' Yet in your heart, you, as the parish priest, might be thinking, 'This is not the right couple to be married in church.'" In other words, the "heart" (which could easily be no more than the whim) of the parish priest should supersede any rule. Without enthusiasm, the Synod permitted the house of bishops' proposals to go ahead. But as the dioceses discussed, more and more came to reject the proposal. Thirty-two dioceses rejected them against 12 accepting. The bishops were forced to drop their regulation.

The Synod's solution was highly characteristic of modern Anglicanism — bishops should be allowed to permit clergy-

men who wished to do so to remarry divorced, no clergyman being forced to remarry a couple against his will. The Synod, of course, is attacked from all sides. In sections of the press, it is thought to be dangerously left-wing. Among its radical members, it is considered stodgy and unvisionary. In fact, however, it is not the political position of the Synod, nor its uninspiring quality, which are its most dangerous characteristics.

Only one important theme runs through the work of the Synod — centralization. The fact that so few people know what the General Synod is, or care to know, suggests a form of government extremely distant from most church people. And yet the Synod takes advantage of that distance to expand its scope. In matters of worship and doctrine, in the organizing of parishes, the training of priests and the spending of money, the Synod has changed the Church dramatically and acted in favour of itself.

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## Inscrutable royals

The role of the British Royal Family is under scrutiny by the urban Chinese

China's one billion people regard Britain's Royal Family with a mixture of wonder and ignorance, if informal surveys are any guide. "Ah, Elizabeth", exclaimed a Shanghai cab driver, who professed to know a great deal about the Queen's forthcoming visit to the People's Republic. "She's the British Prime Minister, isn't she?"

Many Chinese appear to be aware that women currently play a major role in governing the United Kingdom and a large number of them are also familiar with pictures of Charles and Diana from television news reports and the country's developing general-interest magazines. But most have only the faintest notion of who the Windsors are or exactly what they do.

The average Chinese in one of his country's major cities tends to regard Britain as a curious amalgamation of democratic and monarchical institutions, though Britons as individuals are known here for their sense of fair play and love of sport.

Such benign attitudes towards things British have not always prevailed in China. For most of the 20th century, Britain's colonial role in China was lumped together with Japan's imperialist designs. While these sentiments largely faded after the communist takeover in 1949, a popular Chinese movie of recent years, *The Burning of the Summer Palace*, has kept them alive by recounting the Anglo-French destruction of the opulent Yuan Ming Yuan palace in Peking 136 years ago.

So it was with a mingled sense of excitement and dread that a foreign visitor, while browsing in the central book store of Yichang (pop. 40,000), a former British treaty port along the Yangtze river in Hubei province, picked up a

paperback with a cover painting of the Prince and Princess of Wales with a horse and bearing the Chinese title *The Marriage that Dazzled the World*. The 163-page book, translated into Chinese, is a reprinting of an American book published in 1981.

In it Diana is called "a child of our generation, from a broken home... beautiful, gentle, everything a princess should be". Of Charles the book observes: "The Queen came across the English edition of this book in a Xian bookshop. Being in an ancient imperial capital of the east (Xian was the capital city of the powerful Tang dynasty) I

behaved like all mothers, punishing her son when naughty and spanking him when he was rude to the servants".

In an afterword the translator, Deng Zhunfeng, says: "I felt it was a coincidence of history to discover a book about the lives and loves of a western royal house.

"Great Britain, which is also called the empire which never sets [sic], is one of the oldest countries in Europe... England is still one of the few monarchies in the modern world and the Queen of England is the supreme ruler. As a Chinese I am entranced by the history of my people and have a desire to understand the emperors of each dynasty in Chinese history, and love to hear about the goings on within the palace of the feudal emperors. What is the inside of the British royal house really like?"

Robert Grieves  
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# Searching for the new fatherland

Fathers suddenly seem to be playing a central role in the family, sharing the chores along with the joys of the children. Libby Purves, in the first of a series, asks how accurate is that image — and finds a picture of confusion

Few things shake a man up more comprehensively than the news that he is to become a father. Even an eagerly planned embryo can floor him utterly. "I had to sit down when she told me," said one. "Then I thought, I ought to do something. Turn into a father. But I didn't know how."

It is not surprising that he felt so lost. No important social image is so blurred and confused as that of the father. On the one hand, ancient notions of power and wisdom cling around the word: God the Father, Father Time, Fatherfamilias.

On the other, the prevailing cultural cliché which has grown up in this century is of "Dad" as a lovable but inept stumbler: anxious Mr Pooter, getting it wrong with his son Lupin in *Diary of a Nobody*, bespeckled buffoons on comic postcards, working-class dads in sitcoms who skulk in the garden shed to escape domesticity, and the amiable middle-class powerlessness of Hunter Davies in the television series *Father's Day*.

And that's the positive side: 1986 man is also bombarded by assertions from the feminist that he is not necessary at all, and he must be slightly depressed by the rising divorce rate. After all, any "civilized" divorce involving children and maternal custody is, by implication, a statement that someone in it did not believe that a full-time father is a priority.

But help is at hand. Cutting through all this confusion comes the shining image of the New Father: the man who is there at the birth, who "bonds" with his baby, bathes it, changes nappies, is not afraid to express his tenderness or push a buggy. He may even swap roles with his wife and let her get back to work.

The image fades a little as the children grow bigger (indeed, a recent sociological study of role-reversed couples showed that half the families had reverted to a traditional pattern within two years). But in the first flush of parenthood, these new men certainly fling themselves into it. Indeed, the divorce boom and the New Fatherhood have formed an odd alliance to produce a uniquely modern figure: the man who leaves his first wife and teenage children (having been nowhere near the birth and never changed a nappy), then marries a much

younger woman and goes enthusiastically into the birth-bath-and-potty routine. Many a balding figure now haunts Mothercare in his lunch-hour to the secret fury, no doubt, of his ex-wife. Fashions have undoubtedly

## Male tenderness towards children was not invented in the year 1970

changed in fatherhood recently, but it would be an arrogant mistake to think — as some writers have implied — that male tenderness towards children was invented about 1970. For a start, the changes have been largely concerned with birth and babyhood.



Oh, my Papa: images of fatherhood, from saucy postcards to Michael Maloney in the TV drama, *What if it's Raining*

As the child gets older, some of the thrill wears off and most fathers are out all day; fathering becomes a less intense experience, diluted by work and weariness; and it could be claimed that after the first two years much of the New Fatherhood has levelled off to something very much more like the old sort. As Charlie Lewis, of Reading University, points out in his dispassionate study

*becoming a Father*, neither the myth of the aloof and uninvolved father of old, nor the hype about the involved modern dad, actually holds up in the face of research. One researcher, Lummis, collected the oral history of an East Anglian fishing community from 1890-1914; the received wisdom being that fathers in such working-class communities "tended to be brutal, drunken, and aloof from their families — like Walter Morel in D.H. Lawrence's *Sons and Lovers*". In fact, Lummis's study showed that the fathers in that community were very much participant, concerned members of the household. Going back further, you have William Cobbett writing



his *Advice to a Father* in 1829: Cobbett moved to the country and worked at home because he thought a child should have a father in sight; if friends asked him to stay without his children, he did not go. Turn back further still and you find — as Christina Hardyman did in her history of childcare, *Dream Babies* — the refutation of the arrogant modern notion that parents used to care less intensely about their babies in the dark centuries of infant mortality. She cites one Puritan father, Cotton Mather, who wrote in his diary during the measles epidemic of 1646: "Betwixt 9h and 10h at Night, my lovely Jerusha Expired. She was two years and

about seven months old. . . I beg'd, I beg'd, that such a bitter Cup as the Death of that lovely child, might pass from me. . . So let us not pretend that it is us, the Me Generation, which invented paternal tenderness and tears. It may be partly true, though, that we have had to re-invent them. Periodically, men retreat into machismo. Two savage wars, with tough adult male companionship, have probably dulled the conventional British man's perceptions of his own tenderness. And Freud did not help a lot, either; Hardyman points an accusing finger at a succession of 20th-century baby-care books which have

marginalized fathers: either fearfully pointing them out as a source of future neuroses — with a child "carrying with him to the end of his life the tags of infantile jealousy and fear" — or else brusquely relegating Dad to the role of untrustworthy nurserymaid. Charlie Lewis found (although he points out that

## 'Most fathers are assistants rather than partners in family childcare'

there is not much research on fathers because researchers work office-hours) that even today, for all the brave talk of New Fatherhood, "All but a few are assistants, rather than partners, in the business of childcare."

To have an "assistant" father rather than a full partner may be a drawback for working mothers, who end up with two jobs instead of one-and-a-half; but if we are just talking about fathers vis-à-vis their children, it may not matter all that much. There is a school of thought which says that they are essentially different from, and complementary to, mothers. Some psychologists consider that the father's role is to represent a safe halfway-house between the security of mother and the challenge of the outside world. Fathers play rougher games, have louder voices.

The child psychologist Tom Crabtree, even though he writes for *Cosmopolitan* magazine and is self-confessedly in the business of building up the New Man, admits that "I have this picture of man-the-hunter, trooping off in single file to kill hison, while the women sit at home in a family group. Then I see the men, filing off on the

commuter train, leaving the family group behind. I'm afraid they all look pretty well-adjusted to me."

Progressive though he is, Crabtree observes men as natural competitors, rather than sensitive sharers. He sees no evidence of any great revolution in fatherhood and sex roles having taken place: "Oh no. Boys do fashionable domestic things at school like cooking and sewing, but they are not told that marriage and children are for keeps. We need a job specification for fathers; even now, too many men don't understand properly what the deal is."

Good family life sorts out inequalities: with luck, two parents complement one another. But what about the single-handed father? The 1981 census totted up 205,860 lone males with dependents. Sue Slipman, of the National Council for One Parent Families, reports that these men are around 10 per cent of one-parent families, and comments that they have the advantage financially: "Society enables a man to continue working, in a way that it does not provide for mothers. Neighbours rally round and the father will normally be able to earn enough to keep on the family home."

However you switch and swap, there still seem to be two roles to play in a child's life: one of them reassuring, one challenging and gay. Perhaps if there is any point at all in the concept of New Fatherhood, it is that couples feel more free to take turns at both.

WEDNESDAY  
Old or young, what is it that makes a good father?

## Learning the loneliness of the long-distance writer

The latest book by Meira Chand again looks at the problem of cultural barriers. Her work is the product of her own unsettled life



Stranger in a strange land: "born outsider" Meira Chand

electronics export business. "I was a London art student one day and in the middle of rice fields the next", she says. "I was terrified, depressed, thrown off balance in every way and the worst thing was the lack of communication."

Meira made an effort to know her neighbours but in those days, travel from Japan was restricted, the economic miracle hadn't got off the ground and a foreigner seemed a strange creature. The Japanese would come into her home and allow her to talk to them in broken Japanese but were too self-conscious to invite her back. "The only friends we had were among the Indian community", she says, "so I took on two new cultures at once". They moved to Kobe when their daughter Anjali was three. Meira got a job at one of the international schools and enrolled her children in the American school. "They wouldn't have been accepted in a Japanese school", she says, "but anyway I wouldn't have put them

through that rigid educational system." She was beginning to build a life when her husband's family asked him to come home to Bombay. "It was like coming out of solitary confinement straight into a rugby tackle", she remembers. "I was catapulted into a vast communal family, all very loving and affectionate but with all the in-fighting and gossiping a large family entails. It was horrendous but underneath it all, I felt the awakening of something, a spiritual discovery of the Indian part of me which, I realized, I'd rejected. There was no way I could express that except in writing."

She was in India for five years and she wrote and wrote. "Just as it was all taking off and I was beginning to sell a few stories, we had to go back to Japan. Meira feels that she has always lived between different spiritual, social and cultural worlds and had difficulty bridging each gap. "But it is not all negative. I've survived. I'm writing. In the end it has all been positive." Her books have been translated into almost every language except Japanese. "I'm totally unknown in the place where I'm writing. I think if I'd been a man it would have been different. The position of women in Japan is very inferior and I am both a

woman and a foreigner, without any position of authority." Chand blames Japanese women for the awfulness of Japanese men. "It is up to women to teach their sons to respect women", she says. "No Japanese man will take any notice of his wife but he does not dare disregard his mother. Even young men at universities will phone their mothers to ask if it's cold enough to put on a sweater."

She comes to England at least twice a year and stays in her Chelsea flat, but she's prepared to follow her husband around the world or be left alone while he travels. "My husband is an Indian and was brought up in the Eastern way, so I've had to concede to those ideals while building my own life. He has changed over the years, too, and become more supporting and proud of what I do."

Where would Chand choose to live if she had the choice? "My instant reaction is to say 'I'd be happy here in England, but after all these years of total rootlessness, I wonder if I could settle. I do miss Japan when I've been away. It's been my home for 25 years and there are many things I love. Any child of mixed blood grows up with tremendous feelings of duality. "Most of my adult life I've lived in alienated circumstances. The only place where any welding of all these different worlds begins, the only place I can see what has been assimilated, is at a typewriter. That's the place where I become whole."

Shirley Lowe  
The Painted Cage is published by Century, price £10.95.

## Ferried off the future

As I crawled through the road repairs on the M1, the thought of the Shamrock Restaurant on the B & I Liverpool-Dublin ferry seemed like the rainbow's end.

I craved its speciality — overdone steak, chips, peas and half a tomato with pink edges — more than anything in the world, especially more than I wanted to be stuck outside Northampton with every chance of missing the boat, the restaurant and the nuns queuing up outside the dry-free.

After a while, however, the red and white witches' hats disappeared from the fast lane and I whizzed down to the Liverpool docks in plenty of time for the 10.15pm sailing. But horrors awaited. The car ferry had been fitted out with what a former American ambassador to Britain called refurbishment and the effect was of a once homely middle-aged woman who had decided to try out false eyelashes and now looked a perfect fright. Instead of the Shamrock with its banquettes and mock-tweed coverings looking like a provincial Irish hotel cast adrift, there was Tuskar Restaurant done up to the nines with decor — room dividers with wavy tops, space-age lighting and, worst of all, a serve-yourself arrangement



PENNY PERRICK

Just like an office canteen. "Chef will look after you", I was told but there was little chef could do but point his spoon at metal containers of limp broccoli, ancient looking joints and bright orange croquette potatoes. An apologetic air hung over the place. When I asked for mineral water, the waiter explained miserably that it wasn't Perrier but "only Ballygowan", which is Ireland's own designer water and markedly superior to any other.

I was allowed wine with my pre-ordered dinner but not a whiskey until the ship sailed — even though liquor

was clearly being drunk in the adjoining bar.

There was a time on the night crossing to Dublin when students with backpacks, priests returning to their parishes and families over on a visit to elderly parents sat around on deck, produced a couple of guitars and went through the whole repertoire of Irish folk songs. Now the area is set out like a shopping mall with signs directing you to the Rockadell Disco and the cinema. Not a song to be heard; not the stewardess's voice coming over the megaphone directing people to the Seaport Lounge, although this was once just the room containing the Pullman seats.

My chief worry was that I would find Ireland as tarted up as a B & I boat but, when we docked the next morning, it was clear that it wasn't. Cows still munched alongside the road to the west, coffee was still served in a pitch-dark lounge in Ballinacree and, when I went shopping, the cost of my purchases was still written down on a hasty scrap of paper and laboriously added up — correctly, too, which is more than can be said for electronic cash registers.

I think the Irish may be the first people to have seen the future and decided that it doesn't work, and to have wisely hung on to the past.

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Unhelpful inquests

From Mrs Pamela H. White, Stoddley, Lancaster.

For more than 25 years I have been counselling parents and offspring in Peter Barnard's situation (August 27) and I am amazed at the naivety (and cruelty) of parents who suddenly gain an interest in the finer details of their child's course of study after the results have been released.

On the day the GCE O level results were published, I had difficulty in coping with distraught parents. Left alone with a 16-year-old for a few minutes, the problems and difficulties can be identified and resolved, alternative courses planned. Parents who go on and on about how disappointed they are about Johnny's results do nothing to help, and the trauma for the young person is made worse.

Success in GCE O levels is not necessarily an appropriate answer for everyone — indeed, many successful careers commence with failure at this stage in life.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Spitting on the image

The satirists behind TV's Spitting Image enjoy conjuring grotesque portraits of others but how would they take to an expose of their own failings? Not well, it seems. John Lloyd, producer of the series, threw a wobbly when he read the draft of journalist Lewis Chester's forthcoming Tooth & Claw, the Inside Story of Spitting Image, which reveals that puppet-maker Roger Law once became so disgruntled that he attacked Lloyd in a hotel bar. Chester also claims damagingly that Lloyd at one time wanted to be a co-presenter to Esther Rantzen and confessed to a TV producer: "I've always wanted to be famous." Lloyd tells me: "When I read the draft I thought it must be a parody. The portrait of me as an elegant public schoolboy turned 'naughty mandarin' is not at all my self-image. I've never wanted to be famous." Only, it seems, the absurdity of a satirist squealing about his treatment has prevented his taking the matter beyond a gentle wobble with the publisher. Faber, in fearless Spitting Image style, Faber has ignored him and publishes next month.

Driving seat

David Steel takes on an exciting freelance job this week: test-driving the soon-to-be-launched Jaguar XJ40 up the glens and round the lochs of remotest Scotland. He will be one of the first people outside Jaguar to put the car through its paces, and his verdict will appear in the pages of Autocar magazine. The boy wonder likes fast cars. Driving from Scotland to London in the late 1970s, I recall, he was stopped for speeding. An uncle ward with constable accepted his excuse: he was in a hurry to see Jim Callaghan to set up the Lib-Lab pact.

The British Museum has just acquired a primitive Madagascar house, made of straw and mud, in preparation for an exhibition on the island this November. The only problem is that the thing has arrived in kit form, and no one at the museum knows how to assemble it.

Gloves, please

Two years after the GLC's arts chairman, Peter Pitt, said it was time that London's South Bank hosted some genuinely working-class pastimes such as snooker and judo, the unthinkable is about to happen. The Queen Elizabeth Hall, venue for the London Mozart Players and the André Previn Music Festival, is to echo to the sounds of the ringside. During the early hours of September 28 it will screen, by satellite from Atlantic City, Donald "Cobra" Curry v Lloyd Honeyghan fighting for the world welterweight boxing title. Thus, less than six months after taking over, the wickedly elitist South Bank Board will have filled the QEH with precisely the kind of customers that Peter Pitt wanted.



BARRY FANTONI

Wait and see

An explanation reaches me for the delay in finding a new Bishop of Oxford. Speculation is rampant in de-coloured circles that neither of the two names put forward by the Crown Appointments Commission at the end of May was acceptable to Mrs Thatcher. It is more likely, I understand, that the post - one of the most influential in the Anglican communion - has already been offered and turned down. Sources in Oxford say the Bishop of Kensington, Mark Santer, said no, perhaps because of his commitment to the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission. Santer this weekend refused to comment. Now, doubtless still mindful that the Prime Minister would welcome a conservative counterweight to the Bishop of Durham in the General Synod, the appointments commission is being forced to cash again.

Crest crop

The great British public has come to the aid of Les Attwell and John Case, the luckless Somerset farmers who fell victim this summer to a hippy convoy's invasion. Television pictures of a tearful Attwell surveying his trampled crops provoked an outcry, and donations poured in from all over the country. The two farmers have shared a £2,076 cheque which will cover about 80 per cent of their legal fees and the cost of damage. Life has evidently returned to bucolic normality for Attwell. When I first phoned yesterday he was out tending his sheep; when I called back, he was diverted from speaking to me by an unexpected delivery of straw.

PHS

After the Karachi and Istanbul outrages, Robert Fisk explains the killers' aims; Gerald Frost (below) analyses changing US policy

Why retaliation won't work

Nicosia The principal aim of the Middle East's latest hijackers and killer squads is to shock the world into violent retaliation for their deeds, to involve the western powers - or Israel - in an operation of such devastating consequences that the whole delicate structure of peace talks and moderation in the region is destroyed.

So far, the murderers at Karachi and Istanbul, presumably working for the renegade Palestinian Abu Nidal, are on their way to achieve their ends. They have already brought forth a pledge of revenge from Shimon Peres, the Israeli prime minister, concern among the Italians that the Americans are again going to bomb Libya, and editorials on both sides of the Atlantic demanding "massive military retaliation". That is precisely the gunmen's aim.

The equation is quite simple. There are more than enough desperate men - most of them Palestinian - among the wretched camps of Beirut, Sidon, Tyre and in the suburbs of Damascus and Amman to send on such terrible missions. Ever since the Palestine Liberation Organization was driven from Beirut after being surrounded by the Israelis, the suicidal killers have been an inevitable development.

The battle of Beirut in the summer of 1982 was the last opportunity the Palestinians were given to fight for their cause against the Israelis. When that ended in failure, the radical Palestinians were bound to take their guns into the airport departure lounges, the vulnerable American airliners that circumnavigate the globe and, most awful of all, into the places of worship of their own fellow-Semites.

It is, of course, a natural emotion to call for revenge. Why should those who sponsor such atrocities not be punished? The past 38 years in the Middle East, however, suggest that history does not always share the same precepts of natural justice. Indeed, it is difficult to recall a single instance when the principle of retaliation produced anything more than further bloodshed.

Year after year, Israel has

retaliated for the attacks made upon it or upon its citizens by Palestinians. It has carried out hundreds of air raids on Lebanon, made punitive raids into villages and towns, crossed more than 2,000 miles of Mediterranean sea to bomb the PLO's headquarters in Tunis and even staged two full-scale military invasions of Lebanon to rout out what Menachem Begin in 1978 described as "the evil weed of the PLO".

The Israelis presented all these operations as proof that military retaliation works; but as a deterrent it has failed. In the years before Israel invaded Lebanon in 1982 its air force regularly bombed the Palestinians in the Bekaa Valley and at Damour and Sidon. The invasion that followed cost thousands of lives - including those of more than 600 Israelis - but today the Israeli air force is back again, routinely bombing the Palestinians in the Bekaa and in Damour and Sidon, as before.

The Arabs, and some Israelis as well, ask a simple question: What was gained? As preventive assaults, designed to delay Palestinian attacks, they may have had limited success. But as a policy, they have proved hopeless - even if the western world is still encouraged to think otherwise.

The moral argument about the retaliatory policy is more complex. If a nation wants to retaliate for the slaughter at Rome and Vienna airports last Christmas, it

finds that one of the gunmen aims he wants to retaliate for the massacre of Palestinians at Sabra and Chatila. Indeed one of them said he was in Chatila at the time of the killings.

Yet Sabra and Chatila were themselves the work of pro-Israeli Lebanese Christians who wished to revenge themselves upon Palestinians who had attacked and murdered in their mountain villages and who contributed to the political situation in which the Christian president-elect, Bashir Gemayel, had just been killed.

The Palestinians had attacked those villages because they saw the Christians as allies of the Israelis who now occupied their land in the West Bank and Gaza and - in many Palestinian eyes - in the Israeli state itself. They were still outraged by the much earlier massacre of Palestinians by Menachem Begin's Irgun at the village of Deir Yassin in 1948. The Jews of Palestine remembered earlier atrocities by Arabs.

The cycle goes back even further. But it can end only if one side or the other can carry out a final, all-embracing retaliation which will correct all past wrongs; and that, the Arabs say, is not going to happen. The murderers at Karachi and Istanbul realize this almost as much as those who control them, be they the followers of Abu Nidal or the still darker intelligence services - for there are many of them within each Arab state - in

Libya, Syria, Iran or elsewhere.

In the end, the West is likely to reduce the number of such atrocities by still further security measures and by catching those responsible before rather than after they have committed their crimes.

The real battle against the gunmen, however, must inevitably be waged by their own people. It is the Palestinians who will ultimately have to crush the Abu Nidals of this world. To do that, they will need credibility and support from the West. They will need a political settlement which accommodates the aspirations of the Palestinians - whether or not they are PLO supporters - as well as of the Israelis. To refuse them this is one of the aims of Abu Nidal's killers; which is why they want to see the policy of retaliation continued.

The Americans believed they were entitled to bomb Libya last April as a result of alleged Libyan involvement in the West Berlin disco bombing. To the Arabs it seemed a gross provocation, however, the lesson was different; in their eyes, the Tripoli air raids proved that the Americans had accepted their own declaration of war. And that war is now on, a conflict without apparent end, and of cruel and fearful dimensions. A further raid on Libya, or a bloody retaliatory strike by Israel, is likely to provide proof to the cruel men behind these deeds that they have been successful.



Terror victims. One of those injured when hijackers opened fire on board the Pan American airliner at Karachi arrives at Frankfurt in a US Air Force transport plane. Below, an old man killed with 20 others as he worshipped in the Turkish synagogue. Do those responsible hope to provoke a violent response?

Can we expect Reagan to ask us first?

What impact would renewed American action against Libya have on US-European relations? As President Reagan hears the report of his special envoy, Vernon Walters, on his talks last week with the Nato allies, it is instructive to examine how Europeans reacted last April to the bombing of Tripoli and Benghazi.

Their reactions corresponded to an emerging pattern of relations between the US and Europe, the significance of which only Mrs Thatcher among European leaders showed signs of glimpsing.

The judgement of most leaders and opinion formers was that the bombing was further evidence that America comports itself in such a way as to endanger itself, its allies and world peace generally. The view is overlaid by disapproval of the crudities of US foreign policy, and of its alleged lack of historical and cultural perspective.

Marked traces of such an attitude could be found in a little recent speech on July 15 by the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, in which, without naming the US, he warned of the dangers of "abuse of strength", "strong-arm tactics" and "over-reaction".

The apologist in Europe for US policies generally assert that displays of anti-Americanism will encourage American anti-Europeanism. In particular, they say anti-Americanism will help to produce American isolationism, which in turn will fuel the anti-Americanism which helped bring it about.

which one doesn't talk in front of the children, for fear of causing unnecessary anxiety. The argument expressed above is normally couched in terms which suggest that America, having been frustrated and opposed by ungrateful and ambivalent allies, will retreat behind the boundaries of Fortress America.

However, there is a pattern of events going back at least to the invasion of Grenada in 1983 which suggests that events will take a quite different course. This gives reason to suppose that America might indeed, for a period, become isolated in the sense of lacking reliable allies, but not, it should be stressed, in the sense of becoming inverted, regionally-fixed, parochial or too weary with an incomprehensible universe to want to play any active or interventionist role in it.

The phenomenon of an America that is both extrovert, interventionist and isolated may be new, but it is something which Europe may have to learn to contend with. It is an outcome that may ultimately force Europeans to face up to hard choices that in many instances they have preferred to ignore.

In the case of Grenada, and of last year's interception of the Egyptian airliner carrying the Achille Lauro hijackers, as well as the bombing of Libya, America acted alone, although in the last instance it enjoyed British assistance. In the cases of Grenada and the airliner interception, many of those originally hostile have changed their minds (a British minister came as close to admitting an error of judgment over Grenada as pride permits).

The lesson that Reaganite America is likely to draw is obvious. Even when the allies can agree that a common Western interest is at risk, their advice about how to proceed may amount to no more than a tedious irrelevance and nuisance. It may be better not to seek it in the first

moreover... Miles Kington

Taking spin on the jury side

Nowadays sports writers have to know as much about the law as about sport, but we believe we are the only column employing a full-time legal reporter to bring you details of current sports trials. Today, an extract from an exceedingly interesting cricket case.

Vic Didley, the England Test batsman, claims he was wrongfully given out during a recent crucial county match and is suing umpire Len Pillel for wrongful dismissal. Yesterday Len Pillel took the stand.

Prosecution: Your name is Leonard Pillel? Pillel: Yes, and there are six balls to come. Prosecution: Thank you. You are an umpire by trade? Pillel: Being an umpire is not a trade. It is a holy calling, beyond good and evil, concerned only with the search for truth. Prosecution: Very like being a barrister, perhaps? Pillel: Not from what I have seen in this court. (Uprais) You look hot by the way. Like me to take your jersey for you? Prosecution: No, thank you. Now, on the 18th June you were umpiring in the match between Bensonshire and Natwestshire, were you not? Pillel: Yes. It was a cool afternoon, with not many spectators, and Bensonshire had declared at lunch for 197 for 3. Lunch was a cold chicken salad with rather unpleasant salad cream from a bottle, followed by rhubarb tart. At 1.52 play recommenced, and Vic Didley came out to open the Natwestshire innings. Prosecution: You have a remarkably good memory, Mr Pillel. Pillel: I have to. When I retire from umpiring, I hope to make a living as an after-dinner speaker on the cricket club circuit, telling racy sporting anecdotes. Prosecution: Like Fred Truman's? Pillel: Not as long as his. Prosecution: Now, we have reached the point where Mr Didley has arrived to face the first ball. Could you perhaps describe what happened next? Pillel: Yes. Phil Didley came up for the first delivery, and I yelled "No ball". Prosecution: Why was that? Pillel: He had forgotten to give me his sweater to hold. That counts as disrespect to an umpire. Prosecution: And the next ball?

Anne Sofer Matching Eton and Jarrow

How - looking ahead to the Britain of the 21st century - do the independent schools see their role? I can imagine four common answers, depending on the traditions and philosophy of the particular school.

Preserving academic excellence, some will say, stressing high standards, endeavour, keeping the lamp of learning alive. Others, keener to emphasize pluralism, diversity and freedom, will talk about giving parents a choice.

A third answer will concentrate on educational innovation, new challenges, new courses. And a fourth will reply in terms of the needs of the personality of the maturing adolescent, of the school as a caring society with certain values which it hopes to pass on.

It is not possible to quarrel with any of this. And having visited a number of independent schools recently, I would concede without carping that many of them mean what they say, work hard at it, and produce good results.

So let me go on to another question. Is there any reason why all of this should not be available even to children whose parents can't pay, or who don't do well in IQ tests?

That, I will be told politely, is really two questions. To the first, most independent schools now fall over themselves to insist that they would positively welcome more bright children from poor social backgrounds. They will tell you about their bursaries, and about the son of an unmarried office cleaner who has just got a scholarship to Oxford. After all, isn't that what the assisted places scheme is all about?

To the second part of the question there is usually a long silence, and then a regretful reply. Yes, of course children of all abilities need these things, but... well, so far as their particular school is concerned they do not really have the necessary expertise. But of course they have the greatest admiration for their colleagues in the comprehensive schools who are struggling in very difficult circumstances...

Now I cannot help wondering whether the founders of these independent schools would have been satisfied with this reply. Many of them were the educational pioneers and innovators of their time. Seeing a crying need to light beacons of knowledge and understanding in a dark wilderness of ignorance and illiteracy, they worked night and day to keep the fires fed. They did not see themselves as marginal.

So let me return, and rephrase my original question. Are the independent schools interested in helping to solve the educational problems of our time? What those problems are has become almost a matter of consensus: the poor attainment of all

but the top 25 per cent; the disinclination of the majority of children to continue with their education beyond the statutory leaving age; the alienation, lack of confidence and misery of large numbers of adolescents; the fact that we have become a multi-racial society without facing the implications of that fact.

Conventional wisdom within the state sector is that the independent schools have nothing to offer towards solving these problems. At its crudest it could be summed up in the slogan: "Keep Out, You Snobs!" Understandable though it is, it is precisely this attitude that has let the independent schools off the hook all these years. My own judgment would be that although they have managed to insulate themselves from most of the problems, they do have expertise which could make a significant contribution.

After all, they have had the benefit, which the state schools have not for the past seven years, of stability, continuity, enough books and equipment, small classes. It would be a disgrace, if they had not developed new skills and insights into the processes of learning. Don't some of them feel tempted to have a go?

In fact, of course, many erstwhile independent schools are now in the mainstream, and making an important contribution. I can think of a local example - started over 100 years ago by a pioneer of girls' education, later absorbed by the London County Council as a grammar school, and then in 1976 becoming one of the first "mini" comprehensives, at a time when the pundits were saying (as, alas, they still are) that such a thing was a contradiction in terms.

Are there independent schools that do want to share the problems of the state sector, that admit a comprehensive intake and take special trouble with disturbed and difficult children. Some of these have in the past hovered on the brink of applying for voluntary-aided status. Falling-rolls and financial constraints have made these possible overtures irrelevant in recent years, but a national drive towards better relations between the two sectors might revive them.

Peter Newsam, former education officer of the Inner London Education Authority, recently suggested in a deceptively jolly article in the *Times Educational Supplement* that our problems might be resolved if all schools were to become voluntary-aided, with the status of both independent and county school abolished. All schools would be autonomous, non-selective and accountable finally to their governors rather than the "local education authority" - a non-fee-paying, *The author is a member of the SDP national committee.*



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TIME

RIGHTS



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THEY MUST NOT SUCCEED

General Vernon Walters, President Reagan's special envoy in the campaign against international terrorism, set off rather too soon on his European tour...

The tragic end to the Karachi hijacking and the cruelty of the massacre in Istanbul have happened just when the world seemed to be staging something of a recovery from this disease of the later Twentieth Century...

Similar doubts surround the decision of the Pan American crew to abandon ship, thus immobilising their Boeing and stranding the terrorists...

To draw up precise "do's" and "don'ts" for crises which never quite repeat themselves, is however to attempt the near-impossible...

Moreover, for all the tragic consequences of the crime, the Pakistani government and the Pan Am crew ensured at least that the gunmen failed to achieve their main objective...

Meanwhile in Jerusalem yesterday the Israeli Cabinet broke up in disarray, divided by the murders in the Istanbul synagogue, at a time when they should be united...

This is not to argue the case against retaliation should Israeli intelligence identify those responsible...

Even if it succeeds in doing so a government has to locate its quarry or punish its hosts to deter them from offering shelter. The case for carrying out an operation which is less than surgical is always more questionable...

One thing needed is a more coordinated approach against terrorism by the Third World. Terrorism is not confined to the under-developed countries...

TIME TO ACT ON TOBACCO

The British Medical Association has published what it claims is new evidence to show how the tobacco industry is recruiting new people to smoke through advertising...

It would be extremely difficult to sustain the industry's case that advertising has no effect on children. The Office of Population Census and Survey shows that while more adults are giving up smoking...

The International Advertising Association claims that advertising bans lead to no significant change in tobacco consumption...

most recent evidence from Norway suggests otherwise. In 1975, before a total ban was imposed on cigarette advertising...

Whenever the industry makes an agreement it ingeniously finds a way of bending it. Banned from linking smoking to sporting, healthy scenes in its advertising...

Cigarette advertisements

"in close proximity to and clearly visible to schools" are banned. But the "Project Smoke Free" group can still cite examples where the tobacco industry is breaking this rule...

With this sort of record it is difficult to enter into any more voluntary agreements with the industry. At the very least the government should quickly respond to the calls for a more effective means of monitoring those which exist...

But in the face of overwhelming medical evidence that smoking can kill, the time has come for tougher government action altogether. It should seriously consider implementing a ban on cigarette advertising altogether...

RIGHTS AND WRONGS AT THE UN

The treatment of human rights by the United Nations will be debated at an important meeting in Geneva today. Recent events suggest that it is not before time.

Earlier this year the UN cancelled the annual session of its Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities for largely economic reasons...

The decision was made in the face of international protest. Despite its unwieldy title, the sub-commission's conference every August in Geneva had become the main forum within the UN for discussing the abuse of human rights and criticizing the governments responsible...

Today's meeting has been organized by a group of non-governmental organizations which have brought together most of the people who would have taken part anyway...

participants (from America, Canada, Senegal, China, Romania, Argentina, Yugoslavia and most of the West European countries) will debate ways in which to improve the treatment of human rights as an issue within the UN.

They deserve some success. Over the years the sub-commission has been able to curb government excesses in various parts of the world and has given some protection (albeit extremely limited) to individuals. Its influence has been behind international agreements on torture and has brought the "disappearances" in Latin America, together with the appalling abuses of indigenous minorities and children, to public attention...

Today's meeting may appear to be an argument for the privatization of the United Nations. Non-governmental organizations have rescued a vital piece of international

machinery when their governments have failed to do.

But it would be too easy to let governments off the hook in this way. The sub-commission is important because it provides the only place within the UN where governments and people can meet on a more or less equal footing. A forum of this kind can operate in the end only through the UN. In this respect the sub-commission is very different from Unesco...

The Geneva meeting will try to find ways in which to strengthen the UN's human rights machinery. It will try to find ways in which to give a louder voice to individual experts and non-governmental organizations and in which to combine the organization's development work and human rights concerns...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Answers for 'Thatcher's children'

From Mr George Racz: Sir, Because many people distrust polls like the one you commissioned (September 1-3) and are uncertain about the conclusions one can draw from them...

Further on, with the same admirable honesty, you confirm that the overall picture of Britain's youth that is revealed by The Times survey is full of blank spaces.

It is not high time that the paper ceased commissioning and publishing polls which reveal nothing new except many blank spaces? Or do you need a survey in order to blame the Prime Minister?

From Dr A. D. King: Sir, It is significant that your survey of 'Thatcher's children' made no reference to the world outside Britain, particularly that part of it on which Bob Geldof channelled their interests and attention last year...

'Thatcher's children' are conscious of belonging to a global culture which your survey has chosen to ignore.

The party that presents a convincing account of the relationship between rich and poor in the world economy and of the role of Britain in that relationship will have the support of many of our young voters...

From Mr Nick Room: Sir, Michael McCarthy's series on 'Thatcher's children' is very interesting and well written. But to conclude, as he does in the article of September 2, that the Labour Party has not attracted the 'punk vote'...

I do not profess to know the political leanings of punks so I am not in a position to comment authoritatively, but the article appears to do so without any substantive evidence.

From Mr R. V. White: Sir, The recent series on 'Thatcher's Children' provides little comfort for those concerned for the future of democratic government in Britain...

From Mr Denis Young: Sir, If one in 20 of 'Thatcher's children' call her 'too flexible' and 'rather inexperienced'...

From Mr Hugh Brogan: Sir, I recently spent a week touring Denmark. One of my pleasantest memories of that pleasant country is of the wild flowers that grew in great abundance at the side of all roads...

From Mr Michael Buky: Sir, As a carpenter I venture to disagree with Countess Antie's assertion (August 30) that the Imperial system of measurement is redundant.

For distances of less than a metre, when accuracy to a half-millimetre is often required, I use the metric side of my tape measure. For greater distances I find the Imperial system more convenient and easier to remember...

Killing of Cossacks: From Count Nikolai Tolstoy: Sir, John Grigg's review (August 23) of my book, The Minister and the Massacres, is more fair-minded than most and it is a relief to find a commentator actually prepared to examine the central evidence...

He asserts that Macmillan acted as he did because he regarded it as both expedient locally and essential for the future of Europe that good working relations should be established with the Russians...

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SKETCHES FROM PARIS

(FROM A ROVING CORRESPONDENT) PARIS, Tuesday, Sept. 6

It is very difficult to gauge the temper of this people - to know whether they mean to persist in war or not. They are full of impulse, and their impulse is one thing today, another tomorrow...

Unacceptable delays have been reported to us in the delivery of visas to bona fide students coming to Britain from Third World countries. One case involves a doctor from South Yemen, living in Cairo...

There is no justification for this country to adopt the unfriendly and nerve-racking procedures of certain other countries. Yours faithfully, JAMES COVENEY, Director, Middle East Centre for Higher Education, Ltd.

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Language mix-up

From Mr Oliver Henry: Sir, Lord Stockton (September 3) simply has to be right about the linguistic mix-up which is a new European language rapidly forming. Only a couple of weeks ago, in the course of booking a double room in a hotel in the charming lakeside resort of Neustadt-Tiisse...

# Clifford Longley Impasse over natural law

Two expert committees of high standing have just begun a serious re-examination of the theology behind the ordination of women. In the past, the subject has been dominated so far by politics and practicalities, this return to fundamentals may be useful, at least in clarifying what is at stake.

It never was a very happy prospect for the Church of England to be going down this road by majority decision when there was no consensus, even about the nature of the disagreement.

One such committee is the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC), which has just completed a plenary meeting at Landau. It is no secret that the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, was pressing for a theological study with the Roman Catholic Church which would deal with the underlying issues, and would have liked a separate body from ARCIC to handle it.

The ARCIC's brief from the Roman side is to study the ecumenical implications, rather than to examine the issue itself, but ARCIC appears to have decided that the doctrinal points will have to be studied anyway, otherwise the ecumenical questions cannot be answered. In other words to decide how relations between the two churches are affected by the ordination of women is to examine the issue itself.

The second committee has been set up by the House of Bishops of the Church of England, as a result of the debate in the general synod. The bishops agreed to take all the vexed questions under their wing, and to report back in February - a report which may well turn out to be a holding operation.

Just as ARCIC finds it cannot answer the inter-church questions without studying the primary issues, so the House of Bishops appears to have decided similarly concerning the internal Church of England controversy.

In order to say how and whether parts of the Church of England with women priests could co-exist with parts without them, it

also has to consider what fundamentals, if any, are at stake. The House of Bishops has a further committee, the Theology of Ordination, which is to study the issue in relation to the sacraments rather than the theology of the sacraments. It is unlikely these two committees can keep their work in water-tight compartments.

The close relationship between the House of Bishops' exercise and the ARCIC is shown by the presence in both of the Bishop of Kensington, the Right Rev Mark Stacey, the Anglican commander of ARCIC, and the Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard, is in the bishops' committee too, and one of the main planks of his argument to the synod in July was that put by Cardinal Willebrands, of the Vatican, to the Archbishop of Canterbury - in the context of ARCIC. So these two exercises are thoroughly intertwined.

In the past the arguments about women priests have been about such things as the limits of the church's authority to change Holy Orders, and the New Testament evidence. All the signs suggest that both these new theological investigations will concentrate elsewhere, rather than spend too much time going down those well worn paths.

Current interest is directed more towards the argument by sexual analogy. And as has been noted before, this feeds into general questions much debated in secular society concerning male-female relationships, and sexual role conditioning.

It states, essentially, that as the relationship between Christ and the church is analogous to the relationship between husband and wife, it is not a matter of analogy between the two systems, as the priesthood occupies a symbolic place in the relationship between Christ and the church (albeit not easy to describe).

At this point in the argument there is an open frontier, another current controversy, that inside the Roman Catholic Church concerning sexual ethics.

If there is a natural order governing maleness and femaleness, then there is a

natural law governing how male and female should relate, particularly how they should relate sexually. Moral theologians like him have begun to discuss the ethics of sexual relations without reference to natural law arguments, and the church authorities have stepped in to insist that they have gone astray.

It is hardly surprising that the one Anglican theologian whose thinking on sexual ethics is closest to this official Roman Catholic position is the Bishop of London. He is for natural law on sexual ethics, for natural order on the ordination of women. He is, it is no coincidence, the Church of England's leading Anglo-Catholic.

Sexual ethics feeds back into the ordination of women, because it is the framework of natural law and natural order. If the pattern of behaviour between husband and wife, including sexual activity, is entirely up to them, free of any moral restrictions from natural law, then the husband and wife analogy for Christ and the church would prove nothing.

So two people can make of a sexual relationship absolutely whatever they wish, as the prevailing wisdom in secular society says they may, and therefore sex roles are entirely variable, and reversible and interchangeable at will. It is a useless model on which to build an analogy. And it could not be used, therefore, to prohibit women priests.

If they go this way into the argument the two expert committees may eventually reach an unfortunate impasse; for there is no way they can themselves resolve the underlying conflict between the two systems, of moral philosophy, for and against natural law.

But it is a different and potentially more creative place to come to rest than the present yes-we-can, no-we-cannot statements on women priests. It could help towards a move away from the closed towards, or further away from, the exclusive consensus which has been lacking so far. The direction of what movement will, in the end, decide the outcome.

## OBITUARY

### MR DUDLEY FROY Noted test and racing driver

Dudley Froy, who died at his home in Tucson, Arizona on September 4, at the age of 81, was a British-born test and racing driver who broke many records at the peak of his career in the early 1930s. Froy won races in cars as varied as the monster 21-litre Benz, the five-litre Delage and the 1.1-litre Riley.

Born in London, he began his association with motor sport as a mechanic at Brooklands, and became a driver in 1927. In that year he won the Brooklands Surbiton Motor Club 50-mile race in a Wolseley Moth at an average speed of 115mph, an authoritative victory which drew attention to his qualities. He repeated this victory in the following year in a Bentley.

Lack of financial backing prevented him from pursuing a career as a Grand Prix driver, but he went on to break many records and gained a reputation as an outstanding test and development driver.

He was, however, successful in the 1,000cc class of the 1931 German Grand Prix, which he won, driving a Riley. This was the more remarkable, as Froy picked up his car from the works at Coventry, drove it to the Nurburgring track in the Eifel mountains, won the race which was run in wet and hazardous conditions, and then drove the car back home again.

Froy was a member of that select company which held the Brooklands 130mph badge, lapping the track at that speed in a Bugatti in 1934.

His racing career was virtually over by 1935, but he continued to test cars, and in 1947, went to the United States as a representative of the Lea Francis motor company, in Los Angeles. Later he moved to Arizona where he helped to set up racetracks in both Phoenix and Tucson.

His last race was in 1952 when he broke shoulder and arm bones in a crash at a stock car track in Des Moines, Iowa. Froy was a versatile all-rounder who, during his racing life in Britain lived for Brooklands, making his home close to the track, and his wife, Betty Ann, and two daughters.

### M DANIEL FIGNOLE

M Daniel Fignole, whose brief term as President of Haiti lasted 19 days in May, 1957, died recently in Port-au-Prince. He was 71.

Pierre Eustache Daniel Fignole was born on November 12, 1914, one of ten children of an impoverished farm labourer. The young Fignole himself worked on a farm until he was old enough to go to Port-au-Prince, where he passed through parochial school and the Lycée Pétion.

After graduating, he taught mathematics in a secondary college. He later widened his interests to political economics, and organized his first political movement, the Peasant Workers' Union. This was an immediate success, and in August, 1946, he was appointed Minister of National Education.

He did not, however, see eye to eye with President Estime Dumarsais, and was gaoled for 17 days.

Four years later, he was elected a national deputy for the Social Democratic Party, but was again arrested, this time on the orders of President Paul Magloire.

On his release, after three months, Fignole quickly rose through the ranks of the party to become its head, drawing his support from the poorest of his countrymen.

Towards the end of May, 1957, after a turbulent six months during which the country saw as many presidents, Fignole, at the age of 42, was sworn in as provisional president with the promise of "free and honest elections".

It was a short-lived taste of power. Nineteen days later, he was ousted by General Antonio Kerekou (who was in turn replaced by Duvalier) and sent into exile.

Fignole was a tall, slender, ruggedly handsome man with an engaging smile. He was a persuasive orator, both in French, the language of the educated minority, and Creole, the language of the masses.

There was a touch of the mystic in his political thinking, and his speeches were replete with references to his followers as "my mobs" - mobs who, when they were seen to sweep out of the capital's slums and roll everything before them, were known locally as "Fignole's steamroller".

He returned from exile in February of this year with a view to standing for election again as president.

### MR NORMAN SUTTON

Mr. Norman Sutton, Britain's wartime "weather man", the Dover journalist who provided national newspapers with such of the information about the weather as was permitted by war regulations, died yesterday, at the age of 90.

Born in Dover on January 11, 1914, he started on the old *Dover Times*, at half-a-crown a week in the days before the First World War. He joined the East Kent Regiment, the Buffs, shortly after the outbreak of hostilities in 1914, and served in France where he was wounded.

In 1919 he joined the *Dover Express*, where he spent the rest of his journalistic life. When war came again in 1939, regulations forbade the publication of news about the weather in general, as it might have assisted German bombers.

But with the Germans on the French coast after 1940, reporting of conditions over the English Channel was allowed, and, as the man on the spot, in Dover, Sutton provided the front-page "Weather in the Straits" items, which were a feature of the front pages of most national newspapers.

He spent the last fifteen years of his career with the *Dover Express* as its editor, retiring in 1964.

His wife, Daisy, died four years ago, and he leaves one son. Another son was killed in action in the last war.

### Piper's clean sweep

From Angus Nichol, Inverness

Lance Corporal Alasdair Gillies (OOH) won all the events he entered at the Northern Meeting Probiatored competitions at Inverness, leaving behind a Silver Medal and jig competition, he went on to win the March, Strathspay and Reel and the group A Strathspay and Reel.

This year instead of playing one march, one Strathspay and one Reel, each of them twice through, competitors had to play two of each.

Lance Corporal Gillies won the event with excellent performances of the 74th's Farewell to

Edinburgh, the Knightswood Ceilidh; Dora MacLeod, Caber Feidh; Miss Proud and the Cockerell in the Creel.

The full results are as follows:

William MacGillivray, 1st Prize; Alasdair Gillies, 2nd; James MacGillivray, 3rd; James MacGillivray, 4th; James MacGillivray, 5th; James MacGillivray, 6th; James MacGillivray, 7th; James MacGillivray, 8th; James MacGillivray, 9th; James MacGillivray, 10th.

## COURT AND SOCIAL

### COURT CIRCULAR

Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Sir William Downward).

Afterwards, The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips attended a reception at the University of Manchester for those participating in the Chagras programme.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

**KENSINGTON PALACE**  
September 6: The Prince of Wales arrived at Dyce Airport this morning in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight from the United States. He was met by Sir John Riddell, St. Mr Victor Chapman, Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Anderson and Surgeon-Commander Ian Jenkins. RN were in attendance.

A memorial service for Mr Clifford Mollison will be held at St Paul's, Covent Garden, at noon on September 10.

### Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. J. Bretton and Miss L.C. Dougherty  
The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Bretton, of Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire, and Leah, youngest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs E.D.E. Dougherty, of York.

Mr M. de Planza de Wilsenberg and Miss H.J. Prestidge  
The engagement is announced between Martin, youngest son of Lieutenant-Colonel Count and Countess de Planza de Wilsenberg, of Rome, Italy, and Hilary Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs L.T. Prestidge, of Ingatstone, Essex.

Mr C.H. Hirst and Miss S.L. Petherick  
The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.K. Hirst, of Hutton Buscel, North Yorkshire, and Sara, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Petherick, late of Plymouth.

Mr H.F.R. Marsh and Mrs M.J. de Grey  
The engagement is announced between Hugo, son of Mr and Mrs Gilbert Marsh, of St John's Wood, London, and Miranda, daughter of Mr Robert Marsh, of London, Kent, and Mrs Patrick Meredith-Hardy, of Bembridge, Isle of Wight.

Lieutenant P.J. Marshall, RN, and Miss A.R. Chapman  
The engagement is announced between Peter, middle son of Mr and Mrs A. Marshall, of Alderley Edge, Cheshire, and Annette, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs S.C. Chapman, of Wadebridge, Cornwall.

Mr P.F. O'Connor and Miss V.E. Marriott  
The engagement is announced between Patrick, younger son of Mrs R.S.N. O'Connor, of Well Close, Rambridge Park, near Andover, Hampshire, and Mr M. O'Connor, of 12 Crossfield, Farnham, Surrey, and Virginia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Marriott, of Canford School, Wimborne, Dorset.

Mr D.N. Parkinson and Miss E.A. Brooming  
The engagement is announced between Neil, only son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Parkinson, of Tydesley, Manchester, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Harold Brooming, of Winkley, Berkshire.

Mr J.D. Whitaker and Miss N.M. Lusty  
The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr Joe Whitaker and of Mrs M.N. Whitaker, of Waddington, Lancashire, and Nicola Mary, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Lusty, of Woking, Surrey.

### Births, Marriages, Deaths and In Memoriam

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**BIRTHS**  
BAULCONNE on September 2nd in Cambridge, to Rose (nee Eden) and David, a daughter. Credit to number, a sister. Harold and Cath.

BRIGDEN on August 31st, at Rowland Hospital, Worcester, to Rosemary and Robert, a daughter. Ellen Patricia.

BUCKMASTER on 6th Sept, at St Thomas' Hospital to Julia (nee Robinson) and Henry, a daughter. Eleanor Rose.

COBLEN-BAHNSAY on September 4th, 1966, at 74 York, Northampton, to Philippa (nee Francis) and Roger, a daughter. Nicola Anne.

GRANT on September 5th at Queen Charlotte's to Carol and Ian, a son. Edward Andrew Charles, a brother for Alexander.

GREY on 27th August, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Felicity (nee Harty) and Denis, a second wonderful daughter. Claire Francesca Rose, a sister for Daniel and Xanthe.

MASLAM on 31st August to Nina (nee Dorren Smith) and Richard, a son. Felix a brother for Nicholas.

INSUP on September 4th, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Claire (nee Harty) and Owen, a son. James, a brother for Victoria.

LEVY on August 25th at the West London Hospital to Ron (nee Pagan) and Roger, a son. Simon Thomas.

MERRIS on September 1st, at the Buchanan, St. Leonards, to Angela (nee Hickling), wife of James, a son. Douglas.

MORGAN on August 27th, at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead to David and Jane (nee Hammond) a son. Thomas Roy Commander.

OSBY on September 2nd at Nether Edge, Sheffield to Patricia (nee Walker) and Robert, a son. Adam Cile.

SEALS on September 4th at Peasey Maternity Hospital to Margaret and Robert, a son. Alastair, a brother for Nicola.

SWEETMAN on August 25th to Victoria (nee Carney) and Brian, a daughter. Rebecca Emily Francis.

### RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

ANDERSON & WESTERDAHL William and Jean were married at St Columba's Church, Harlock North, New Zealand, on September 7th, 1946. Present address the Lodge, Howe Green House, Howe Green, Hertford.

### DEATHS

BAKER on September 6th in Hereford, after a short illness. Led. Kenneth Baker, F.R.C.S. aged 86 by long service of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, London. Son, Adam Cile, a son. Adam Cile, a son. Adam Cile, a son.

BARRETT on September 7th, at 11th, at 2.30pm. Any donations for St. George's Hospital, London, E11 1ST, will be gratefully received. Burial at 11th, at 2.30pm. Any donations for St. George's Hospital, London, E11 1ST, will be gratefully received. Burial at 11th, at 2.30pm.

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### Dinner

The Westland Farnborough Royal was held at the Royal Automobile Club on Thursday, September 4. Sir John Cuckley, Chairman, presided at the dinner. Mr George Younce, MP, Secretary of State for Defence, also spoke.

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### School announcements

Old Feistland reunion, for that at Feistland before 1940, on October 4 at the school. Half term is from October 18 to 26 and term ends on December 13.

Forest School  
Michaelmas Term at Forest School commences today. The dusty week will begin on October 6. There will be an Old Foresters dinner on October 17. Term will end on December 12 with the 120th annual Shakespeare play, *Love's Labour's Lost*. The school play for Old Foresters who left between 1960 and 1965 will be held on September 21. The Cambridge University Old Foresters jubilee dinner will take place on November 7. Any Old Foresters who have received details of these events should contact the Lodge's secretary.

Loughborough Grammar School  
Autumn Term at Loughborough Grammar School starts on Wednesday September 10, with Jeremy Smith as head of school. Speech day will be on Wednesday, October 15, and the chief guest will be Vincent Sandon, the annual London dinner of the Old Loughborough Association will be held on Friday, October 17, in Plaistons' Hall when the chief speaker will be Dr John T. Stamp. Further details can be obtained from the school office on Thursday, December 18, 1966.

Malvern College  
Autumn Term at Malvern College begins today. Mr W.J. Denny succeeds Mr N.L. Stewart

as Housemaster of No 9 and Mr S.M. Hill succeeds the Rev T.J. Wright as Housemaster of No 1. Mr M.T. Hirst succeeds Mr N. B. Denny as head of the Geography Department and Mr J.C. Brown succeeds Mr W.J. Denny as director of art. D.R. Hunt is senior chapel prefect and F.J.L. Smith is junior chapel prefect. The school play, a joint production with Ely School, is *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller and will be performed from October 22 to 24. The half term exact is from Saturday, October 23 to Sunday, November 2. The Bishop of Worcester will conduct a confirmation service on Sunday, November 30, and the Christmas concert will be held on Saturday, December 6. The carol services are on December 10 and 12. Term ends on December 13.

Motra House  
Christmas Term at Motra House begins today and ends on Saturday, December 13. New members of the common room are Mrs A. Burton (Economics), Mrs C. Dwan (Science) and Mrs T. Gibb (German). The school nights are Catherine Jones and Sheena Ross. We are pleased to announce the award to the school for the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Scholarship, and the first examination for this scholarship will take place on Saturday, September 27, together with the Ingham sixth form scholarship examination. The school play, *The Boy in the Woods*, will be performed on Saturday, October 4. Mr W.J. Denny succeeds Mr N.L. Stewart

Anderson (The Priory) is captain of football. Old Keptonian day is on September 27. The musical society will join the school of St Mary and St Anne, Abingdon, to perform *Madama Butterfly* and Bach's *Magnificat*, and Mendelssohn's *Symphony No 2* in Pears School on November 22 and at Abbots Bromley on November 23. Term ends on December 12.

St Edward's School, Oxford  
Term at St Edward's School, Oxford, starts today with Ben Saer as head of school. Mr E.C. Dazinger has succeeded Dr F.W.J. Punter as Housemaster of Tilly's. The assessment week-end for Lower VI girls is on November 15 and 16. At commemoration on November 29, the organ donated by Magdalen College will be dedicated by the Bishop of Ely. Term ends on December 12.

St Swithun School, Winchester  
St Swithun School, Winchester has taken up her appointment as Headmistress. Autumn Term begins on Thursday, September 11.

Warminster School  
Michaelmas Term commences at Warminster School tomorrow with 435 pupils on roll, the highest ever recorded. Stratton House for girls will be in use for the first time. The refurbishment of the English Block and the adaptations to the Junior School have been completed. Term ends on December 12, with the carol service.

THE ARTS

Television Dreamers and reality

In these worrying times, the most marketable gift an actor can have is the ability to speak junk dialogue as if it had been written by Noel Coward. Fortunately for the unhappy millions who were induced to watch West of Paradise (ITV) on Sunday, Art Malik has this virtue coupled with the knack of strolling through a ludicrous plot with an air of unquenchable nobility. The action concerned a toothy pair of Stooges who arrived in the Seychelles to take delivery of a jewelled crucifix bequeathed to them by their long-lost beach bum grandfather. The good guys mounted a hunt for the rest of the pirate hoard, while the bad natives lurked in the jungle until their ill-fated, superstitious leaders brought them their just deserts. Had the scenario of this tropical treasure hunt been written by Enid Blyton, it would now be banned from school libraries. Indestructible spirit of a different kind was the subject of A Place in The Sun (Channel 4, Sunday). This documentary introduced a handful of the 132 descendants of an Afro-Irish marriage which was contracted in Liverpool at the end of the last century. Most of the women of the family were social workers and there were three brothers, two involved in entertainment and one in boxing. The most eloquent brother, Bernie Weston, was a small-time entertainer whose philosophy of life was sturdily based on the belief that nothing was going to get better, that the city's prosperity was unrepeatable history, and that his role was to paint pictures from a nightclub stage to take his audience into a dream world for a few hours. His brother simply snarled contempt at those who would take the name of Tenthredin as a synonym for despair. On stage, in £5 Oxford suits trimmed with a few bits of sequins, the pair projected a fierce gaiety. This was a fine, classical documentary. Celia Brayfield

Most famous for her novels, Nancy Mitford was also a prolific journalist. In this piece, first published in 1968, she has a fresh and teasing go at changes in our language In defence of the Queen's English



Nancy Mitford photographed at her house in Paris: 'Look it up in a dictionary'

Rip van Winkle was away for 20 years: when he returned he found that he was no longer governed by Good King George VI; but was an American subject; the world had completely changed and his friends were all gone. I have been away 23 years, when I return I am no longer governed by Good King George VI; I realize that I am an American subject and that the world has completely changed; but my friends are all prominent. Admittedly some are only prominent as failures or traitors, but very few have sunk into oblivion. My generation, which got off to such a poor start in the Twenties, has finished quite honourably. Who would ever have suspected it? Certainly not the grown-ups who loathed our short skirts, painted faces, drugging friends, wild parties and general bloody-mindedness. I well remember my father turning a now respected Tory squire out of the house for saying that, in his view, Nurse Cavell was a spy. Our contempt for anybody over 30 and for their heroes knew no bounds: our laughter crackled like thorns beneath the pot at the mere thought of such fashionable writers as Kipling, Massfield, Galsworthy and Barrie; in the world of art our favourite butt was Mummings. Had we known that posterity was to crown him with thousands of guineas in the sale-room we would have been surprised indeed. The vernacular has changed considerably during the last 23 years. One might suppose that this is due to a desire to commune even more deeply with our overflows but, although I am not very conversant with American, it seems to me that there is a certain native wildness about the changes and that they do not all come from the West. Pronunciation has always varied from one generation to another and the Victorians talked differently from us. For instance, they often put an 'i' before 'a'. 'He is not a marrying man, I believe?' was a phrase pregnant with meaning in the days before one called a spade a spade. On the whole, people of my age pronounce words as the Oxford Dictionary suggests. The speech of the present generation is very fanciful; neither spelling nor tradition is taken into account.

"Dad" and "dad" are pronounced the same (and are no doubt considered to be so). "He is mud, mud and dangerous to know." "Pretty" and "poetry" have changed for the second time in my life: my parents said "prooey" and "poetry"; we said them as they are spelt, and now I hear "prettee" and "poetree". Other innovations I notice are: "cabinet", "officers" for "offices"; "lorch" for "launch"; "Increase"; "WestMINSTER"; "hostESS"; "acOR"; "Azian" for "Asiatic" sounds odd, and I notice that Sir Alec Douglas-Home still says "Asiatic" and also "Kenya" instead of the fashionable "Kenya". Most of the BBC announcers use the new pronunciations, but they sound like Englishmen and their voices bear no relationship to the garbling and gurgling of the Voice of America. Mr Alvaro Dell (this is how I always thought it was spelt until I received my galley from the editor) speaks English as I have been used to hearing it. If pronunciation does not matter very much, words used in a wrong context and faults of syntax do. G.M. Young used to say, let the English language take care of itself, by which I think he meant: don't fuss, the easy, simple way of saying something is the right way. Too often one hears people on the wireless beginning an elaborate sentence — they flounder about for a bit and then break off with "you know". There is too much fuss and too much overemphasis. "Nobody has a good word for the PM" is blown up into "The PM is undergoing character assassination"; "nowadays" is "this day and age"; people don't say anymore, they claim; a book is a book-length work. "This" has a horrid new role; it is nearly always used instead of "that" and often instead of "it" or "so". It creeps in everywhere, giving our language a curious hissing sound; it also serves the cause of overemphasis: "This I believe to be true" instead of "I think so". What is that little word "up" up to? People don't meet, they meet up; they also think up, cook up, read up. "Personal" is another intruder: "Mr Wilson's personal dog"; "Liz

PUBLISHING Left on the shelf

What, when it is unwrapped and set up in the market place, is a Literature Centre? I doubt whether I would have to ask such a question in France, where it would have been unthinkable for one of Malraux's Maison de Culture not to have devoted much of its resources to words. In Britain, though, we do things differently, which is why it was not until 1983 that the Edinburgh International Festival had a Book Fair. And that takes place only every other year. I asked the question in the first place because a sharp and determined lady called Rosemary Stones managed to get the GLC, when that organization was tottering on its last legs, to allow her to open BOOKSPACE in what had been the Grand Restaurant in the Royal Festival Hall. Into BOOKSPACE, at a high speed with much ingenuity, Ms Stones poured exhibitions, lectures, poetry readings and like. Quite quickly the space began to assume a shape and atmosphere. In early March for instance, there was an evening with two poets: From the Pages of the London Review of Books, Fiona Pitt-Kethley and Hugo Williams, with Clive James in the chair. Three nights later there was a Tribute to Geoffrey Grigson in which Paul Bailey, Richard Boston, Peter Levi, Philip Oakes and P. J. Kavanagh took part. There was also a fascinating exhibition of books set in London. When the GLC came to an end, BOOKSPACE followed quickly after, though the bookshop element was allowed to linger for a little longer at a lower level (of the building not the brow). It was alleged that Richard Fulford, the General Director of the South Bank Literary Board, was particularly unsympathetic to Literature when Deputy Secretary-General of the Arts Council, while Nicolas Snowman, the Artistic Director, was more interested in Boulez and Berg than Balzac and Brookner. To offset this a little, the South Bank Board itself contains, among others, Simon Jenkins, Nigel Walsmyre, Lord Rayne and Sir Roy Strong, all of whom have shown favourable reactions to books from time to time; and Lord Weidenfeld, who published and lives by them. It was the last-named, I suspect, who ensured that Rosemary Stones and her colleague, Ira O'Flaherty, were given a three month remit to write a proposal for a South Bank Literature Centre. There had been quite a lot of protest when BOOKSPACE was forced to close. The Arts Council decided that it could no longer keep its excellent Poetry Library at 105 Piccadilly. The South Bank Literature Centre would surely be an ideal alternative home. In France no such struggle would have had to take place over the establishment of the Centre. The Centre Pompidou has an open-access library, the Bibliothèque Publique d'Information, that is one of the principal features of that exciting complex. Boulez might be in the basement, but books for all are on the first floor on bright green shelves. Needless to say, the Stones proposal strongly recommended the establishment of a Literature Centre. It was submitted to the South Bank Board over two months ago, since when nothing has been heard of its progress, not even by its two authors. The Grand Restaurant, meanwhile, is reverting to its former use. Literature needs such a focal point just as much as the other arts. BOOKSPACE's ability to celebrate Geoffrey Grigson or Christopher Isherwood immediately after their deaths shows just how much a great capital city, and one renowned for its arts, requires such a place. Or is Literature once more to be given the same sort of treatment it is in the Arts Council's The Glory of the Garden and relegated to the outer suburbs? Hilary Finch X.Libris

David Robinson reports from the Venice Film Festival Eroticism, comedy and terrorism

Mai Zetterling's first feature film *Loving Couples*, in 1964, was adapted from a novel by Agnes von Krusenstjerna. The scandal the film created in Cannes paralleled the outrage when von Krusenstjerna's novel had begun to appear in Sweden 14 years before. A couple of years later *Night Gains*, from Zetterling's own novel, caused riot in Venice: all but the jury and press were forbidden to see it, and the posters, bearing a Leonardo drawing, were blacked out. Now, in another film portrait of this sympathetic spirit who died in 1940, a year before her own stage debut at 16. A compulsive writer from childhood, Agnes rebelled against the hypocrisy and emotional repression of her aristocratic family. Cronically neurotic, she found a nurse, lover and Svengali in her much older husband David Sprenger. Sprenger appears to have interpreted some of the more sensational passages of perversion into her novels, which shattered taboos about sex and the family. Zetterling portrays their escalating *folie à deux* with terrible intensity. Agnes, played by the Finnish actress Sina Ekblad is prey to visions as hysteria: the role of Sprenger reveals facets of Erlend Josephson, barely recognizable as the cold-eyed erotomaniac. Director Nadia Tass was born in Macedonia and among other accomplishments is reckoned as one of the best Greek vocalists in Australia. Malcolm is a comedy about a do-it-yourself technological wizard who suffers from severe social and emotional retardation. Fulfillment comes when he falls in with a dedicated criminal and adapts his talent to bank robbery. The home-grown special effects have much more charm and humour than the block buster hi-tech of Hollywood. There is more than a touch of misogyny in Ruthless People, a fast and fierce black comedy from Hollywood directed by Jim Abraham and David and Jerry Zucker. It has the merit of a single, strong comic idea (borrowed vaguely from O. Henry). Just as Danny de Vito is about to murder his monstrous wife (Betie Midler), she is kidnapped by a couple of inept amateurs. The kidnappers rapidly regret their crime as the happy husband refuses their clearance sale offers for this odious and obstreperous victim. And so to the Russians. Roman Balajan's *Protect Me My Talisman* is a curious essay about a contemporary couple whose lives are disrupted by a poet under the influence of Pushkin romanticism. The purposes of Sergei Soloviev's *The Wild White Pigeon* are still more obscure though there is purely metaphorical significance in the picture of the Soviet village, full of villains, blackmailers and other riff-rafs. The hero is a young boy who bravely defends his treasured white pigeons against the threat of this perilous society. If the meanings are obscure, the images are seductive. Italy delights in contests. After 90 years the Great Venice Art Biennial now has its own Leone D'Oro (won, as we know, for Britain by Frank Auerbach). The film festival, which originated as a side-event of the Biennial abjured prizes in



**Seductive images: a scene from *The Wild White Pigeon*** The 70s, insisting that culture and competition do not mix. Now however the awards system is firmly reinstated and is as keenly debated by the local press as the football prospects. Eric Rohmer's *Le Rayon Vert* is the favourite so far with Angelopoulos' *The Beekeeper* closely running up. A serious new contender though is Bertrand Tavernier's English-language *Round Midnight* as a loving tribute to the be-bop era through the portrait of a black saxophonist. The portrait elements are from the experiences of real life musicians. Sensitive observers foresee a major resurgence of radical terrorism in Germany, as the nuclear issue heightens mistrust of government. Reinhard Hauff's *Stannheim*, winner of the Berlin Festival Grand Prix, reopened the Baader-Meinhof case. Now the Swiss director Markus Imhoof dramatizes *The Journey*, an autobiographical essay-novel by Bernard Vesper, the Baader-Meinhof associate who killed himself in 1971. Vesper was the son of the Nazi poet Will Vesper, and Imhoof's thesis is that the guilt of the father generates the rage of the children. The process, he indicates, is continuous. The protagonist (Imhoof changes the name) is accompanied on his fugitive's journey by his own small son. There is a frustrating ambivalence in the film's attitude to the hero: though as in his earlier *The Boat Is Full*, Imhoof shows a special skill in translating fragments of history into drama.

Theatre The Broken Thigh Drill Hall

*The Broken Thigh* is an adaptation, by Tara Arts, of the mythological Indian epic, *The Mahabharata*, whose scope is nothing less than the story of the world, as Peter Brook demonstrated not so long ago at Avignon. Being a myth, it deals with this daunting largeness of experience by means of signs, allegories and archetypes. The beings who people this huge drama are somewhere between gods and humans, characters of extravagant emotional compass and range who combine a demonic capacity for the mischievous with a mortal taste for suffering. This bloody and remorseless saga reveals in the picturesque grandeur of combat and challenge and ordeal. At its end, we have witnessed a kind of Ragnarok, a human apocalypse which has laid the puzzle of life out in front of us like a map. Although the drama is framed and manipulated by the god Krishna, who is telling the callow boy, Duryjaya, how he came into the world, the play's central character is the boy's father, Duryodhana, who is half arrogant chivalric warlord and half self-centred troublemaker. It is he who sets things in a broil, dividing a house of capricious princelings against each other, and stirring up the cupidity and greed which is to haunt civilization. Tara Arts stage this moral pagentry with enormous flamboyance and energy, and the little arena of the Drill Hall swells with vivid spectacle and primary-colour magic. Glowing red and blue lights pick out the savage faces and whirling combats of the last conflict. Duryodhana and his fickle princely ally are played by women, who invest their warlike roles with a luxurious caricature of male pride. The presiding deity, Krishna, is a flashing-eyed wizard of harsh aphoristic wisdom. The squabbling, fighting and scheming are done with a loud, fierce relish — a cartoon of human feelings rather than literal representation. The director is Jatinder Verma. Set against the imperative of the tale, my reservations are quibbling. The evening is 20 minutes too long and, for those not familiar with the material, too studded with the dramatic and detail to be dramatically comfortable. I that if I once started to make notes I would not raise my head again. But this is real myth, muscular and cruel, and quite unlike those quaint effin imitations written by donnish mystics about furry-footed gnomes. Andrew Rissik

Promenade concerts BBC SSO/ Maksymkiuk Albert Hall/Radio 3

It was perhaps as a celebratory gesture to the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra's 50th anniversary season that Kun Woo Paik chose Ravel's *G major Concerto* to play with them on Friday night. Scarcely since Mozart has a piano concerto bowed so generously in the direction of its assiduous woodwind soloists. The players certainly justified the spotlight shone on them in the first of their orchestra's two Prom appearances this season. The finely drawn oboe of the first movement, the strong, long breaths of the cor anglais in the second, and the nicely controlled trombone slides in the finale were all exuberantly cued in by Jerzy Maksymkiuk. But it was still very much Kun Woo Paik's concerto. As a Ravel player *par excellence*, his fingertips can round out even the most percussive passageswork so that it almost glides in the direction of its assured brilliance by patterns of light and shade as much as by speed, and his training with Kempff has equipped him with that peerly evenness of trill and tremolando so fit for camouflage with Ravel's harp writing. Shostakovich's First Symphony, that masterpiece of orchestration by which the 19-year-old composer proved himself was an equally encouraging testimonial to the relationship between orchestra and conductor. Maksymkiuk's string training was very much in evidence as the body of violins anticipated the piano's taking in hand of the Scherzo's threatening anarchy. And the broadening and lengthening of Maksymkiuk's own interpretive insights during the partnership shone through his mastery generation of tension towards the finale's last great battle of rhythm with melody. For their second Prom concert with their principal conductor, Jerzy Maksymkiuk, the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra presented themselves as patron of contemporary orchestral music in Scotland. The orchestra has been loyally performing the works of John Maxwell Geddes for 20 years, and they brought with them his *Voyager*, commissioned by the BBC and first performed on the orchestra's home ground at their 50th anniversary concert last November. Tippett was not the only composer to be inspired by the return of Halley's comet. But, unlike *The Mask of Time*, Geddes's *Voyager* flashes past in a fleet 10 minutes, as vivid and elusive as the comet itself. It is true space music in both senses of the word: the sound world so imaginatively created is one of hovering wind clusters, of string glissandi and of flares of melody in brass and pitched percussion embedded in canonic nebulae. This central, brief canonic study is framed by a sequence of ideas in mirror image, as *Voyager* comes and then goes: an unstable unison punctuated by percussive chords slapped out on the bowstrings. Mozart's Oboe Concerto in C major was, by contrast, decidedly of the earth, earthy. The meeting of Maurice Bourge's reedy, vigorously physical oboe playing with Maksymkiuk's typically jaunty, purposeful chamber-orchestral accompanying made for a robust performance. It had a bracing effect after a secure but also uncharacteristically safe reading of Sibelius's Third Symphony, in which the composer's varied and distinctive divisions and groupings of notes were subordinated to smooth, strong contours. Hilary Finch

Rock Ska Clapham Common

It was an imaginative move by Lambeth's amenity services to present a line-up comprising the latest British ska revivalist bands, the Potato 5 and the Deltones, together with Desmond Dekker, one of the early Jamaican exponents of the Sixties genre from which reggae developed. But the spontaneous dance floor excitement traditionally associated with ska's buoyant off-beat rhythms failed to materialize on this dry grey autumnal afternoon in the park. As the audience wandered around munching all manner of nourishing wholefood and vegetarian snacks washed down by copious quantities of lager, the Deltones played with incohesive bon homie. The 11-piece band offered an original lightweight pop variant of the bluebeat pulse but suffered from indecisive musicianship and a superfluity of unison vocalists (three in all). The Potato 5 was far more capable, but seemed dreadfully hidebound by the ska legacy, as to hear them play a song like "Western Special", rigorously recreating the sound of the Specials or early Madness — which was itself a faithful recreation of the work of original artists such as Prince Buster — was like watching another Russian doll emerging, inevitably smaller than the last. Desmond Dekker in customised army fatigues strutted the stage with the stiff pelvic motions of a man preparing for a limbo dance and sang old hits like "It Miek" and "007", but sadly has become a cabaret ham. His formidable backing vocalists, the Aces, have gone, to be replaced by his manager, Delroy Williams in the role of a bluff MC, who made an elaborate fuss before Dekker could be "persuaded" to sing "Israelites", his most famous hit. By this time some of the audience had already drifted round to where an alternative sound system was operating in noisy competition behind the bandstand. David Sinclair

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Enthronement of Archbishop Tutu

Dr Runcie 'breaks law' in Cape Town speech

From Michael Hornsby, Cape Town

In a blaze of Anglican ritual, and to the sound of joyous African singing and triumphant trumpet fanfares, the Most Rev Desmond Mpilo Tutu was enthroned yesterday as the eleventh, and first black, Lord Archbishop of Cape Town, and head of the Anglican church in southern Africa.

Mr Nelson Mandela, the jailed leader of the African National Congress, at his trial in 1964, in which he spoke of having fought "against white domination and against black domination" for the "ideal of a democratic and free society".

Neither attendance at the Eucharist celebration, held in a showground on the outskirts of Cape Town, nor the irrepressible enthusiasm of massed African choirs, appeared much dampened by rainy, blustery weather.



Archbishop Tutu waving to well-wishers as he arrives for his enthronement at St George's Cathedral yesterday.

No move for Fowler in Cabinet changes

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spending on health but said that public demand for improvements in health care was running well ahead of any provision that could be made through the National Health Service.

The strongest candidates for promotion from under-secretary to minister of state are Mr David Mellor, at the Home Office, Mr John Major, at the DHSS, and Mr David Hunt at the energy department.

Mrs Thatcher may satisfy the right with some of her promotions from the backbenches. Mr Peter Lilley, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, and Mrs Edwina Currie and Mr Christopher Chope may enter the Government for the first time, as could Mr Richard Ryder, Parliamentary Private Secretary to Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary.

The Government's difficulties in finding talent in the Lords have been underlined with the confirmation that the Earl of Swinton, a whip and agriculture spokesman, is resigning.

That follows the departure last week of Lord Elton, the highly regarded Minister of State in the Department of the Environment, and the resignation last year of Lord Gowrie.

This week's reshuffle will be accompanied by a new election alert from Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman.

He is writing to local party chairmen asking them to make sure that all known Conservative supporters are registered next month for next year's local elections and, of course, the general election. He will tell them to be ready to open the campaign at any time.

The letter marks the opening of Mr Tebbit's Campaign '87, which will be officially launched at the party conference. Mr Tebbit clearly wants the party to be ready for an election in June next year if the Tories have a lead in the opinion polls by then.



The Pope descends from the summit of Mont Cheif in north-west Italy yesterday where he had earlier been taken by helicopter to pay homage at a statue of the Virgin Mary on the 7,687-foot peak. The Pope was on a two-day tour of the region near Mont Blanc.

Hijack survivors leave Karachi

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to be alive." Dr T.J. Bhattin said at the hospital yesterday.

Another British passport holder who was badly injured was Mr Hardial Singh Matharu, a Sikh aged 36, who was flown out of Karachi on board an American government transport plane on Saturday, bound for Wiesbaden in West Germany.

He went with his wife, three children and a niece. He is a clothing manufacturer in Coventry.

He was shot in the back when the terrorists opened up on their helpless victims, but despite his wounds he returned to the plane to help his family out.

A third British passport holder was only slightly hurt. After a great many conflicting statements by Pakistani officials, it is now more or less accepted that there were only four hijackers involved in the seizure of the Pan Am jumbo jet.

It is also accepted that all four of them are alive. Indeed only one received any wound at all. He is the group's leader, Mr Boomer Husain, a Bahraini. Brigadier Mahmud was reported yesterday as saying that he personally shot the man.

It was suggested that one cause of the confusion over the number of hijackers was the fact that a Pan Am loader, who was trapped on board the plane, hid in the toilet when the final firing started. When it died down he came out and rushed for the open doorway, only to be cut down by the security forces, who thought he was a hijacker in uniform.

The four hijackers are believed to have travelled under documents giving them different nationalities: Syrian and Lebanese.

LONDON: A Briton who was thought to have been killed in the hijacking has been found alive, but seriously injured, in a Karachi hospital, the Foreign Office said in London last night. (Our Foreign Staff writes).

Mr Sanjay Patel, who lives in California, was found by British Consulate staff.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events
Royal engagements
Princess Anne opens Park Junior School, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, 2; then, opens the new premises of Mecanoids, St Catherine's, Gloucester, 3.10; and visits Indalex Limited, to celebrate their 25th Anniversary, King's Ditch Lane, Cheltenham, 4.25.

Photographs by John Kerr: Corridor Gallery, Lagan College of Further Education, Kitchin Hill, Mon to Fri 9 to 5 (ends Sept 30).

Model Rail '86: working layouts and model railways, Colley Ley, Leisnham, Oct 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 to 5 (ends Sept 7).

Nature notes
Willow warblers sing quietly in garden trees in the morning, as they pass through on their slow journey to Africa. Many black-headed gulls are back in the parks, where they sit in lines on the newly erected goosits.

Roads
Wales and the West: M5: Roadworks between junctions 25 and 26 (A385/Bridgewater) on southbound carriageway, A4 Bath: Traffic restrictions on London Rd; expect delays. A5: Single line traffic between Abbots and Whittington and Corringham.

Weather forecast

Cool northerly airflow over the British Isles with an anticyclone near Iceland and an area of low pressure over Scandinavia.



High Tides table with columns for location, AM, HT, PM, FT.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,145

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1 through 27.

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1 Appeals for guidance in addition (6).
2 Dispute over quarters in short supply (6).
3 He'll defend a ball-game on a private road (9).

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Open opportunity
There is still time to apply to study a single course with the Open University next year.

Parking schemes
A circular clarifying the legislation on "shared" on-street parking schemes and other related matters which comes into force today is available from HMSO, price, £0.70p.

Flying high

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds reports a successful year for one of Britain's rarest birds of prey, the red kite.

Around Britain

Table with columns for Sun Rain, Msc, C, F, and various locations like East Coast, South Coast, etc.

Bond winners

Winning premium bond numbers in the September draw for £10,000 prizes are: 2CS 381197 (winner lives in Somerset), SMS 461390 (Derbyshire), 20PF 974123 (Overseas), 8QW 771716 (Northants), 7XB 488983 (South Humberide).

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Table showing lighting-up times for various locations like London, Belfast, etc.

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Table showing exchange rates and other financial data for various countries like Algeria, Algeria, etc.

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Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge will be raised today at 11 am, 2 pm, 3.30 pm, 5.10 pm and 7.15 pm.

Vertical advertisements on the right margin including 'Business', 'Gatt warns against extending trade curbs', and 'Treasury'.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

**STOCK MARKET (Change on week)**

FT 30 Share 1338.4 (+26.5)  
 FT-SE 100 1684.8 (+23.9)  
 Bargains 20726  
 USM (Datastream) 127.57 (+1.46)

**THE POUND (Change on week)**

US Dollar 1.4980 (+0.0110)  
 W German mark 3.0642 (+0.0321)  
 Trade-weighted 71.7 (+0.6)

### Gatt warns against extending trade curbs

Geneva (AP) — World merchandise trade grew in volume by an estimated 3 per cent last year and should expand even more rapidly in 1986, but current trade policies invite a long-term economic decline, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade said yesterday.

The GATT Secretariat's annual review of world commerce forecast a 3.5 per cent rise in trade volume this year.

But it gave warning against a continued widening of government measures opposing free trade, particularly subsidies, quotas and market sharing agreements. A further trend toward such restrictions "would cripple efforts to deal with such pressing problems as servicing debts, creating jobs and promoting economic growth."

In value terms, goods trade grew by 1 per cent in 1985, less than the volume expansion because of the strong dollar. The study predicted an 8 per cent rise this year due to the fall of the dollar.

Last year's volume figure was below the 9.5 per cent expansion in 1984, a year of strong economic recovery. Lagging growth in 1985 was a "key factor" in crimping trade expansion.

Merchandise trade last year was buoyant only in manufactured products, growing by 6 per cent, it said. Sharp declines were registered in the value of food, fuel and non-ferrous metals exports.

Most developing countries showed "particularly disappointing" performances as the decline in the Third World's share of world trade, which has been falling since 1981, quickened.

Export earnings of developing countries dropped 5.5 per cent, mainly due to falling world market prices for fuels and other commodities. Imports fell 6.5 per cent.

Pressure for import restrictions was partly fuelled by large trade imbalances between the world's three leading trading nations — the United States, West Germany and Japan. The trade gap grew further in the first half of 1986, it said, with a widening US trade deficit set against increasing surpluses in Japan and West Germany.

Meanwhile, the study said, efforts in developed countries to protect farmers and textile and clothing manufacturers have shown the "bankruptcy" of subsidies.

Lisbon (Reuters) — The EEC, US, Canada and Japan agreed after two days of talks in Sintra that trade in agriculture and service industries should be liberalized. But they recognised the issue could divide later GATT talks.

They also agreed that the inclusion in GATT of service industries, which represent about 25 per cent of the world's economic activity, should not be delayed.

## Guinness faces tough fight over board changes

By Cliff Feltham

Mr Ernest Saunders, the chief of Guinness, is facing the most crucial week of his career as he attempts to head off a revolt by institutional shareholders over his plans for a new board structure after the takeover of Distillers.

A stormy meeting is scheduled for Thursday when Mr Saunders will be asking shareholders to give him the posts of both chief executive and chairman.

But he faces a furious backlash, particularly from the Scottish financial community, angry that he appears to have reneged on promises, made at the time of the £2.8 billion bid for Distillers, to appoint as chairman Sir Thomas Risk, Governor of the Bank of Scotland.

Sir Thomas revived the controversy last week by saying publicly he was not party to the decision by Mr Saunders and the Guinness board to scrap his appointment, a version of events different from that put out by Guinness.

Sir Thomas said, he was pressed into making the statement by institutions, indicating the unprecedented strength of feeling over the issue.

Mr Saunders appears confident that his investment advisers have put together sufficient support in the City

to ensure that the extraordinary shareholders' meeting swings his way.

However, there are signs that he has a fierce fight on his hands. Some reports suggest that of the top 15 institutional shareholders who control more than 35 per cent of the company, only three are prepared to back Mr Saunders.

Five Scottish institutional investors, including Scottish Widows, Scottish Amicable and Scottish Mutual, who control around 3.5 per cent between them, are ranged against him.

Already, Mr Raymond Johnstone, a friend of Sir Thomas and a director of Scottish Amicable as well as chairman of Murray Johnstone, the Glasgow investment managers, has urged shareholders to vote against the proposals.

He is angry that the plan to create a new board under Sir Thomas was embodied in circulars sent out by Guinness during its long battle for Distillers. He says this was clearly done to win the support of Scottish investors who were concerned that Distillers would be controlled from London after the takeover.

He says the decision by Guinness to scrap these plans and install Mr Saunders as chief executive and chairman could only be justified "if

events had happened which were beyond its reasonable contemplation at the time of the offer."

"I am not yet aware of any such events or of sufficient evidence appearing to convince me that following the acquisition of control of Distillers, the Guinness board made a valid attempt to implement these commitments on board and management structure," he said.

The institutions, which are more accustomed to lobbying companies privately rather than indulging in a full-blooded slanging match, are set to break with tradition at the meeting, at the Mount Royal Hotel in London, as Mr Saunders puts his case. Guinness has said it felt the original board structure would have been too unwieldy.

Mr Saunders is also likely to face stiff questioning over the location of the head office of the new super-group. He had said it would be based in Edinburgh, although he recently pointed to the need to maintain a presence in London.

One institution, Scottish Amicable, is likely to want to know exactly what is happening at this time.

Mr Saunders needs a 50 per cent vote of support from shareholders to pass his proposals.

### John Lewis leads retail sales boom

By Our Industrial Staff

August retail sales look likely to return to the strongly rising trend of the first six months of this year after July's fall from the June peak. The July dip, provisionally put at 1.2 per cent down after June's 3.6 per cent rise, is expected to be confirmed in final figures due out today from the Department of Trade and Industry.

The Retail Consortium, the trade body for the majority of retailers, is optimistic about the level of August sales. It already seems justified by the latest analyses at the John Lewis Partnership for its 21 department stores, which in the week ended August 30 saw a rise in sales value of 21.3 per cent.

This was the biggest rise in August for years and was more on the scale expected at the three annual peaks of Christmas run-up and seasonal

clearance sales in January and mid-year.

In the previous week, sales in the department stores were up 14.5 per cent and during the earlier part of the month were above 11 per cent. The rise in real terms can be gauged by making allowance for the rate of inflation in goods sold in the stores.

This is now running at about 2.4 per cent against the sales improvement for the month of about 14 per cent, so growth in real terms at John Lewis in August should prove in excess of 10 per cent.

There could be some special factors in the final boom week. The increase is over a week last year which produced comparatively low sales increases and, according to Mr Ian Anderson, director of trading for department stores. Two London stores were also open on a Saturday afternoon, unlike last year.

### Prospects for growth 'still good'

By Our Industrial Staff

Pessimism about another economic recession was stamped on yesterday by Mr David Nickson, president of the Confederation of British Industry while admitting that his organisation was among those which had trimmed growth forecasts.

He warned: "We must not let pessimistic talk of another recession turn into a self-fulfilling prophecy. What we are talking about is a slower rate of growth and not a decline."

Lower oil and commodity prices, together with low inflation in Britain and other industrial countries, offered big opportunities, he maintained. "We must grasp this chance to stimulate output and win more trade."

Prospects for longer-term growth will be the theme of November's CBI conference.

### Oil consumption rises 2.5%

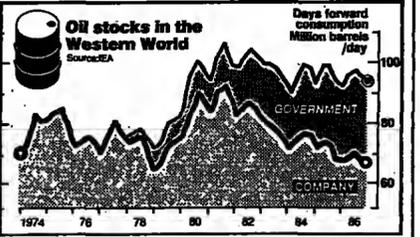
By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The fall in the world oil price provoked by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, has had its desired effect with consumption rising in the first seven months of this year and so pushing prices up again.

The latest statistics from the International Energy Agency show that up to the end of August, consumption of oil in the western industrialized world has risen by 2.5 per cent with the surge in consumption coming in the second quarter of the year when the full effects of the lower price filtered through to consumers.

Opec is due to meet on October 6 to review its new quota agreement which came into force a week ago.

Many traders expect that in the run-up to the Opec meeting, prices will rise towards, and possibly beyond, the \$18 dollar mark once the effects of



the new quota system are seen in the market place and once consuming nations are convinced that Opec is prepared to stick to its new agreement.

However, the IEA figures show that stocks in the industrialized countries have risen at a higher rate than consumption and that consuming nations may be in a stronger position to keep demand in the market place for imported crude oil at a level which will keep prices down.

The figures show that while stocks held by the leading oil companies have not varied dramatically from levels immediately after the first oil crisis in 1973 — down from 80 days' supply to 72 days' — strategic stocks held by governments in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development countries have risen from less than the equivalent of a million barrels a day consumption to an average of 22 days supplies.



Lance Warrington, centre, gives some expert advice on clay pigeon shooting

### Shooting Box is bang on target for franchising

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The crack of shotguns shattering clay pigeons is signalling a new route to profit in the countryside.

David Duncombe, 30, had been mainly farming on the 300-acre estate at Old Manor Park, near Milton Keynes, Bedfordshire, which belongs to his family.

Some additional income came from letting out two lakes for fishing, but now he has just spent £10,000 and a lot of hard work creating a shooting lodge out of old outbuildings so that he can join The Shooting Box, one of Britain's latest and most unusual franchise chains.

So far there are seven Shooting Boxes, six of them franchised out by Lance Warrington, one-time gun-trader and then farmer. He developed the formula, claimed to propel a newcomer well into profit in the second year of operation, at his own farm at Beckley, Oxfordshire.

He sees scope for about 50 in Britain and is already looking for likely spots

abroad. They are all aimed at meeting a developing demand for new ways of entertaining business clients.

Clay pigeon shooting has been gaining popularity since it became the latest sport to feature on television with the newly-created Star Shot lay-out to give it visual impact. Clay shooting clubs are mushrooming but few offer the up-market facilities demanded for business entertainment.

Mr Warrington, 41, said: "At first we did not know who our clients should be or even how much to charge." Now the client list is long, including both local and national companies like Jaguar Cars, Unipart, the Wellcome Foundation, LRC, Sea Containers, Plessey, Saab Scania, the Prudential, Hill Samuel, Allied Dunbar and Anglia Building Society.

What they get is a day out in which the catering and the general ambience is as important as the shooting, carried out under the eye of professional instructors. They pay between £45 and

£80 a head, with parties mostly between 12 and 40 guns.

A shooting lay-out is likely to be used about 28 days a year, producing a trading profit of between 50 and 65 per cent, according to Mr Warrington. By the second year of operation a Shooting Box should be well into net profit, he claims.

Mr Duncombe, whose shooting programme was launched this summer, expects to recoup his outlay in the first full year. He plans also to let the building for small business conferences.

The franchise fee is £4,950 covering advisory visits by Mr Warrington, brochures and other literature, shotguns and some clay and cartridge supplies. After that 5 per cent of gross sales is levied.

By the spring the first 12 outlets are expected to be operating. The others already started are at Worcester, Braintree, Towcester, Kings Lynn and the Brecon Beacons. Among those planned is one at Wensleydale with the first run by a woman likely in Devonshire.

### Women urged to set up in business

By Our Industrial Editor

Women who usually look for jobs with existing businesses may be wooed by the Government into becoming small business entrepreneurs.

Mr David Trippier, minister for small businesses at the Department of Employment, believes this plan could have a big impact on unemployment figures.

Mr Trippier is considering backing research on diverting women's work talents into entrepreneurial fields.

The Government has said the percentage of unemployed remains high not only because school-leavers outnumber those retiring but because more women want to work. The problem is that too many look for jobs, often part-time, with existing businesses.

Instead of returning to the job market to work for someone else, the idea is that they should employ others.

When the Government's £40-a-week-for-a-year Enterprise Allowance Scheme was launched in mid-1983, 15 per cent of applicants were women. That proportion has risen to 25 per cent.

Two out of three going through the scheme are succeeding. And for every 100 new enterprises that survived, 99 additional jobs were created. This means that when the number of EAS places rises to 100,000 next April, 66,000 enterprises should survive with virtually double that number of jobs created.

The research programme being considered by Mr Trippier would try to establish what areas of business would appeal to women, such as the service sectors, including tourism. It is likely to look into other factors, such as training and subsequent support and the needs and characteristics of women entrepreneurs.

Another possibility is that more women will be recruited as small business counsellors into the Government's small firm service. There are three at present — 1 per cent of the national counselling strength. Mr Trippier will be encouraging more women board members at local enterprise agencies around the country.

Women in Enterprise, an Industry Year initiative, has been looking at ways to encourage more women to become entrepreneurs. Female entrepreneurs in Britain seem to encounter more problems in setting up and developing their own businesses and WIE wants additional research.

In the United States between 1977 and 1980 the number of small businesses owned by women increased by a third. A similar trend is emerging in Britain: about 6 per cent of small businesses last year were owned by women.

## Treasury to cut £4bn off spending bids

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Mr John MacGregor, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, will this week start cutting back departmental spending bids by £4 billion, to hit the Government's £144 billion total public spending target for next year.

The Treasury is anxious to clamp down on any ideas of a pre-election spending binge. The blunt warning is that the spending ministers will be between big tax cuts and higher spending. Higher spending, it will be argued, could mean higher taxation.

The signs are that the autumn spending negotiations, beginning with bilateral meetings with other ministers and leading on to the inevitable Star Chamber of senior ministers next month, will be far tougher than last year.

The main bids for additional spending faced by Mr MacGregor are from Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services, Mr George Younger, the Defence Secretary and Mr Nicholas Ridley at the Department of Environment.

This is in addition to the award of £3 billion to Mr Ridley for the local authority rate support grant, announced in July just before the Parliamentary recess. This cut the amount left in the reserve for 1987-88 from £6.3 billion to £3.3 billion.

One of the big battlegrounds in the public spending round is likely to be on charges. Mr

Peter Walker, the Energy Secretary, and the main voice in the Cabinet calling for an overall boost to the spending targets, will resist Treasury attempts to push up the prices charged by the nationalized energy industries. The Treasury may, however, see the recovering world oil price as an argument for higher domestic energy charges.

Prescription and other health service charges also look certain to cause more difficulties than usual, with the general election approaching.

The continued rise in unemployment has produced an automatic increase in demand-determined spending on social security and unemployment benefits. The Government assumed that unemployment in

Great Britain would stabilize at 3 million in its public spending plans, published earlier this year.

The latest unemployment total was 3.1 million, in July. Each 100,000 increase in unemployment adds £210 million directly to public spending.

Mr MacGregor thus has £4 billion of bids to squeeze into £3 billion of the remaining reserve. But even this achievement would leave the Treasury with nothing in reserve next year. Realistically, the round has to be completed with £2 billion of the reserve intact.

Last year, the Treasury was able to boost its asset sales projections, by the inclusion, for the first time, of British Gas. This boosted central privatization proceeds from £2 billion to £4.75 billion a year.

This year, the device may be to step up non-stock market asset sales.

These include council houses and flats, and surplus land owned by local authorities, area health authorities and nationalized industries.

This year's spending round is not taking place amid City fears about the Government's ability to hit its borrowing targets, which may act to the Treasury's disadvantage in arguments with ministers.

After a run of good figures, City analysts expect this year's £7 billion borrowing target to be achieved. In 1985-86, the public sector borrowing requirement recorded an undershoot as public spending was held and tax revenues proved stronger than expected.

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ANALYSIS

Changes to BES should bring back the glamour

By Lawrence Lever

The Business Expansion Scheme, which provides generous tax breaks to stimulate investment in unquoted companies, is at the crossroads of its short but eventful life.

In this year's Finance Act, long overdue and fundamental changes to the scheme have been made, which the Government hopes will return it to its risk-orientated roots.

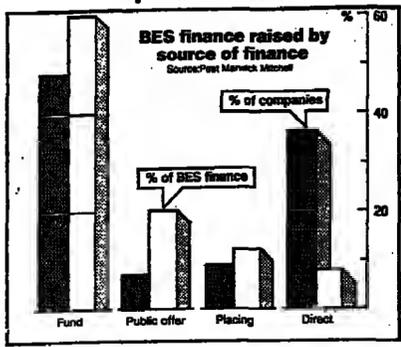
At the same time, the Government is set to commission a second report into the BES after the Peat Marwick Mitchell report was published in Budget Day more than four months after it had been completed.

The changes to the Finance Act - notably the requirement prohibiting a company from holding more than half its net assets in land and buildings - will have a notable effect on the type of companies to seek BES finance, and on the ability of sponsors to find suitable propositions.

The changes are also likely to redress the imbalance between the BES funds and prospectus issues, as well as stimulating more direct investment - in other words, raising BES funds from individuals without a prospectus being issued or involving an intermediary.

The proliferation of asset-backed prospectus issues dried up the money normally taken in by the funds. The pendulum should swing very much back into favour and return them to the prominence illustrated in the chart.

The chart, taken from the Peat Marwick report, shows that in the early days of the schemes the funds outstripped



Business expansion scheme

Total investment for companies by industry for 1983-84

Table with columns: Industry, Total No Amount, Start-ups No Amount, Established No Amount. Rows include Manufacturing, Service inds, Wholesale and retail, etc.

Source: Inland Revenue

prospectus issues in terms of raising BES finance.

Finding suitable propositions will become harder for sponsors of direct issues. In the golden days of virtually unrestricted asset backing, a sponsor with a good property could afford to entrust it to a solid but mediocre manager.

However, a higher calibre of management is necessary now that gearing has been forced

upon BES companies by the Finance Act.

Mr John Spiers, of Greenwell Montague, says: "The proposals coming in are a higher risk than they were before. Once you introduce higher amounts of gearing you want a better type of management and there are less people of high calibre around prepared to do BES than there are ordinary ones. Reputable sponsors can't take a chance

now with run-of-the-mill managers. They might just blow all the money."

Direct investors seeking to raise small amounts of BES finance should be encouraged by the fact that the asset restriction rule does not apply to the first £50,000 of share capital. Add to this the fact that property development and farming ventures have both been let back into the scheme, and the result is a perfect tax shelter, which no-one paying tax of 50 per cent or more should ignore.

In theory, investors should all be setting up small and sleepy farming or property ventures which trade sufficiently to qualify for BES relief, and then sell off the assets after five years.

The irony about redressing the balance in favour of BES funds is that some, including County Bank and Electra, have announced they will no longer be raising further BES funds. The reasons are the problems the funds have had raising money, the fact that they did not raise enough to make it financially worth while, and the huge amount of staff time the exercise absorbed. There is better money to be made in other areas of venture capital, such as management buyouts.

However, the outlook for the BES is encouraging. The scheme is still very much in its infancy, and as with all new legislation of this nature there is a period of familiarization. A steady stream of inquiries about the scheme is being received by the Inland Revenue from smaller accountants and solicitors. Hopefully they will play an increasing role in linking up the entrepreneur and BES investor.

Failure rate of companies runs high

There are scant statistics on the number of business expansion scheme companies that have failed. The report on the BES by Peat Marwick Mitchell, the accountancy firm, which was commissioned by the Government and strategically published on Budget day, found that 27 per cent of the 120 companies it surveyed had either failed

or were having "survival difficulties".

Figures released by PMM in a survey of companies floated on the over-the-counter market indicate that the failure and financial crisis among BES companies remains at this high level.

This report, which incorrectly heralds the BES as an important contributor to

the OTC, says that of the 213 British companies with a quotation on one or more of the diverse OTC markets, some 80 qualified for tax relief under the BES.

Statistics show that six of these companies, which between them raised just over £3 million of BES money, are already in receivership, while another nine companies have

had their quotations suspended. Added to this are five companies generally trading at prices of around one quarter or less than flotation price.

The total of 20 companies represents 25 per cent of the BES entrants, although it must be borne in mind that not all the suspended companies can be said to be at crisis point.

US NOTEBOOK

Why gold boom will not fuel inflation

From Maxwell Newton New York

This has been a terrible week for bonds but a marvelous week for gold. In the minds of the panicked bond traders in Chicago and New York, the two are connected by the word "inflation".

Yet one can argue that the gold price boom is a belated reaction of the dollar's decline.

I am indebted to Mr John Brimelow of Keane Securities for the following idea. Two main sources are apparent in the forces driving up the gold price: The fear of a cutoff of South African supplies and strong non-dollar demand for gold, due to the big fall in the non-dollar gold price. The yen price of gold has tumbled, creating a frenzy of gold buying in Japan but the Deutschmark price of gold has also tumbled.

Some analysts are inclined to discount the South African element in the recent steep rise in the gold price because during the summer the prices of other crucial metals produced by South Africa, such as chrome, vanadium, antimony, manganese and rhodium - have either fallen or risen only slightly. So why have their prices not taken off?

This brings us back to the non-dollar gold buyers. At Sw Fr600, gold is presently very cheap by past historical Swiss experience. At Sw Fr600, it is worth about \$370.

But if, as is probable, the Swiss franc price starts to rise again towards 800, under the influence of rising demand and a fading of mental lags among non-dollar gold buyers, then at Sw Fr800, the gold price in dollars would be \$490.

The Japanese demand scenario begins to drive the yen price of gold similarly back to historical levels.

The US bond markets might then take fright at the prospect of \$490 gold and decide this was unequivocal evidence of inflation in the US. Yet, this view ignores the rapid decline in the importance of the US in the world economy and the lesser importance of the dollar as the price measure of gold and oil.

So, any notion that the rise in precious metals' prices suggests incipient inflation in the US reflects thinking that would have been more relevant in 1971 than in 1986.

Meanwhile, the US-Japanese trade imbalance talks may have produced some agreement by Tokyo to stimulate its economy and its imports. Unfortunately, the US excess appetite for imports is such that if it were reduced to parity with exports, the Germans and Japanese would have to raise their combined imports by 50 per cent to replace the loss of US import demand in world trade - an unlikely event. Hence, as the US is finding ways to cut imports (which are stifling domestic growth), the result will be a spreading worldwide recession.

GILT-EDGED

Tapping Euro-markets to build the reserves

In what was another fairly boring week, the gilt market drifted towards the bottom of its recent trading range and continued to show signs of concern about the UK's long-term economic background.

The most exciting event was the Government's \$4 billion Euromarket issue. This stirred memories of September 1985, when the announcement of a \$2.5 billion floating rate note (FRN) issue triggered a burst of intense market speculation.

The Government must be planning to join the EMS, said some. Certainly not, said others - it has decided to finance the Public Spending Borrowing Requirement (PSBR) by raising dollars rather than sterling. Not at all, said a third group, it needs dollars so that the Bank of England can join in with other Group of Five countries in concerted foreign exchange intervention to force the dollar down.

Opportunity to raise cash

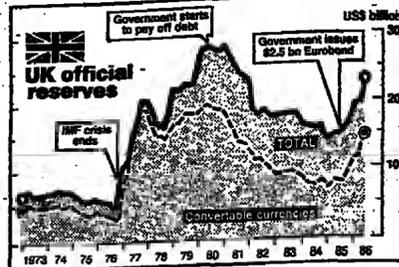
In the event, none of these explanations was correct. Instead, the Treasury had simply decided to take advantage of a favourable opportunity to raise cash for the foreign exchange reserves. Convertible currency reserves swiftly rose from \$7.5 billion to over \$10 billion, where they have remained until now.

Last week, the Government mounted another sortie into the Euro-markets, raising \$4 billion in a matter of hours at very keen rates. What is it up to this time? It seems most unlikely that it is seriously thinking of using any of the money to reduce its domestic borrowing requirement. If it simply allows the money to sit in the reserves, it will have no implications whatever for the money supply or domestic funding. (In the monetary statistics, all that happens is that the rise in the reserves is offset by an equivalent change in foreign currency lending to the public sector.)

But if the authorities do wish to reduce the domestic borrowing requirement, they would first need to swap the dollars for sterling in the foreign exchange markets. The sterling raised would then reduce the amount needed to be raised by selling gilts.

Such a course would be neither desirable nor practical. On the grounds of desirability, it would be a relatively expensive way of funding the borrowing requirement, since the fixed rate sterling cost of the dollar FRN was about 20 basis points above the equivalent gilt yield at the time of issue. On the grounds of practicality, it is unclear what would happen if the authorities chose to exchange their borrowed dollars for sterling over a period of (say) six months.

The markets would notice



that the foreign exchange reserves were systematically falling, and would conclude either that the authorities were propping up the pound, or forcing it up, as seemed appropriate.

Both conclusions would be potentially disruptive, since changes in reserves can in themselves trigger speculative attacks on the currency from the private sector. For example, in a climate of pronounced sterling weakness, the announcement of sharply declining reserves is quite likely to generate a much worse crisis.

For these reasons, exchange reserves are rather like nuclear weapons - useful as a deterrent, but dangerous when used. Their real role is to enable short-term raids in the currency markets (which can be unwound before the official statistics have to be published) and to sow the seeds of doubt in the minds of currency operators, who never know when they might just be used for such raids.

Apart from that, they have one other advantage. Because the UK is able to borrow on such good terms, it can actually on-lend the dollars raised and make a virtually risk-free profit of about 15 basis points, or \$6 million a year on the \$4 billion raised last week.

The Treasury knows a bargain when it sees one. It was presented with a costless way of raising ammunition which might be fired in extremis, but would more likely lie unused in the arsenal. As a deterrent, it might enable the UK to achieve marginally lower interest rates for any given level of sterling in the election run-up. But the one thing not in the Government's mind is to use the proceeds to finance the PSBR.

The gilt market funding equation is therefore not materially affected by the transaction. Fortunately, however, the funding equation has anyway moved dramatically in the right direction during the summer, rectifying the under-funding of the PSBR which had earlier built up. On a seasonally unadjusted basis, the Government underfunded the PSBR by \$4.1 billion up to mid-June, but virtually all of this shortfall was eliminated by mid-August. By wrapping up gross gilt sales of \$2.7 billion in only two months, the Bank has

manoeuvred itself into a position from which the funding programme should be easily accomplished.

Clearly, the failure of the gilt market to make gains in line with other European bond markets in July and August may be connected with the large supply of stock which hit the market in those months. One factor suggesting that the performance of the market may improve somewhat in the months ahead is the slow-down in demands on institutional cash which will now occur.

Even allowing for privatization receipts of as much as \$3.5 billion in the remainder of the financial year, the monthly cash drain on the institutions from Government sales of debt plus equity will amount to only about \$600 million, as against a drain so far in the financial year of almost \$1.1 billion a month.

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Bond markets remain firm

What this means is that the supply-demand position in the market is unlikely to act as a major drag on prices if other fundamentals are moving in the right direction. And for a time this may occur. Despite last week's set-back in the US Treasury market (based on stronger economic activity and worries about gold and oil prices), Japanese and European bond markets have remained reasonably firm, and look set for further gains.

Perhaps these foreign markets will drag gilt prices up for a while. But if this is the main case for buying gilts, then why not buy foreign bonds instead?

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In the past, Bell and oow its successors the Regional Bell Operating Companies, traditionally bought telephone exchange systems from just two suppliers - American Telephone & Telegraph and Northern Telecom.

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Profit potent

USM REVIEW

Profit growth rate proves potential of smaller firms

The autumn reporting season started this week and many companies are showing a rate of profit growth which confirms the belief of those who consider that small companies can offer the greatest potential for above-average performance.

One such company is Thermo, a manufacturer of toughened glass which has applications in the automotive, domestic appliance and architectural products market.

The company has had an unhappy history - in order to gain a quote it reversed into the publicly quoted VW Holdings, an engineering company which shortly after the merger moved into losses, crippling the profitability of Thermo.

The management moved swiftly to close down the loss-making unit but the exceptional write-offs last year cost the company its entire pretax profit for the year.

The results announced this week show a much happier outcome. Pretax profits reached £1 million which, apart from the recovery element, reflects the benefits of capital investment in new plant and equipment which has allowed the group to broaden its product range.

Margins remain very healthy at above 20 per cent. Continued growth next year should see pretax profits advance to well above £2 million, leaving the shares on a full tax charge on a prospective rating of 1 1/2 times. At this level, the bid premium arising from Suter's recently acquired stake is in for nothing.

Goodhead Print Group, one of the largest web-offset printers around Fleet Street, also announced its preliminary figures for the year to May. Pretax profits rose 34 per cent to £1.2 million. The announcement was accompanied by plans for a convertible preference rights issue of £3.5 million to help to finance the acquisition of 10 free newspaper titles bought from the Receiver in May for £3.34 million.

This is part of the group's strategy to transform itself into a publisher as well as a printer. The shares have performed well - up 50 per cent at 120p since its flotation in June 1985 - but remain on an undemanding prospective price earnings ratio of nine times.

Small companies cannot always buck the trend in the economy and this was reflected this week in the results of ASD, the independent steel distributor. Steel stockholders have all endured very difficult conditions in the first half of the year, reflecting the depression in demand after the collapse of the oil price. The situation has not been helped either by the strength of sterling against the dollar.

Against this background, the company put up a creditable performance but profits declined by 14 per cent to £1.2 million. Demand has now stabilized after a very difficult first quarter but the company is hopeful that some large contracts from the construction industry will lead to a stronger second half. The market is looking for the group to make £2 million for the full year (the second half is usually less active than the first half) and on this basis, the prospective rating of nine times is not expensive.

The lack of liquidity in the shares limits the performance and until the upward trend in profitability is resumed, the stock will be viewed as cyclical.

Isabel Unsworth The author is a member of the smaller companies unit at Phillips & Drew.

APPOINTMENTS

Automobile Association: Mr KG Faircloth and Mr RD Vaughan become managing directors, Mr NJ Clarke assistant managing director and Mr Simon Dyer deputy director general. Haden Group: Mr Richard Taylor joins the board. Palma Group: Mr GH Canamille becomes a non-executive director. Fasson: Mr Malcolm Dick becomes vice president, Europe, from October 1.



Malcolm Dick Aitken Hume: Sir Peter Cadden becomes a non-executive director.

Household Mortgage Corporation: Mr Andrew Nelson has been made executive director, product development and investment. Carroll Security Group: Mr Jan Hildreth joins the board. Mr Fred Head and Mr Yossef Meshia become non-executive directors.

CT Bowring Reinsurance: Mr JS Adams, Mr AS Barrie, Mr JWJ Cole, Mr WJ Hewitt, Mr CM Hills, Mr AEB Hoare, Mr DC Horton, Mr AD Kemp, Mr RA Leeds, Mr LAF Neil Mee and Mr HAF Parshall become directors.

Howard Tully: Mr Richard Spooner and Mr Tony Pierre have been made partners.



Richard Spooner

CT Bowring & Co (Insurance): Mr ML Allison, Mr FT Brumage, Mr GS Gilbert, Mr BV Hitchcock, Mr HR Kerr-Smeily, Mr NAJ White and Mr DR Wheeler have been made directors.

Reliance Mutual Insurance Society: Professor SPL Kenney becomes a non-executive director.

Redrow Group: Mr John Williams has been made managing director, Redrow Developments (Southern), T Headley (Contractors) and Headley Builders. Mr Rod Mitchell becomes managing director, Redrow Developments (Midlands).

COMMENT

Merger policy back in the melting pot

The report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on Allied Lyons is likely to re-open a lively political debate on mergers. Embarrassingly, in that eventuality, the Bank of England has become the most cogent critic of the malign side-effects of periodic British mania for takeover bids.

The Bank strongly opposed the Allied takeover partly because the high debt involved might impose risks on the business, but principally for fear of a series of these highly leveraged bids. It looked at the exchange of \$150 billion of equity capital for debt since 1983 in the United States because of bids or management buyouts - and did not like what it saw.

If the economy turned down, banks and companies could be sufficiently weakened to threaten financial stability. High gearing certainly exacerbated the 1929 crash.

In its evidence to the Commission, the Bank said that pre-emption of cash flow for debt servicing would add to pressure on managements to maximize profits and cash in the short term by cutting research, product development and investment.

This chimes with the Bank's general warnings of short-term thinking in the City last October. David Walker, its director overseeing relations between finance and industry, warned that the City's predilection to take a quick profit - the premium bidders offer - obliged company managers to take a short view and cut back on development to avoid becoming a victim. Either way, the competitiveness of British industry would suffer.

Mr Walker's analysis of the problem was stronger than his solutions. The Commission took up his challenge to look at the effects of loan gearing in the Allied case. It came up with some frightening numbers, but was not unduly worried.

Fears over gearing, as over many aspects of takeovers, relate to cumulative effects rather than individual cases, which are the remit of the Commission. So the MMC passed the question of gearing and financial stability back to the Bank of England and the Stock Exchange, which will find it hard to make workable rules.

In another current takeover battle, the high technology engine-component group AE has followed Mr Walker's advice by keeping its big City shareholders informed. It has stressed its research and investment programme, which it believes essential to stay competitive worldwide. City investors, well aware of the arguments for responsible shareholding, seem impressed. But many of them have simply taken the traditional short-term option of selling in the market.

Some institutions have warned to

Mr Walker's suggestion that part of their portfolio should be run on a long-term view. But the trend still points in the other direction. Last week, the £1.6 billion Unilever pension fund followed British Rail in deciding to put its investment management out to City firms to use greater dealing skills required after the City big bang.

Unilever may follow a trend to split a portfolio into a passively managed index fund and competitively managed funds geared to maximizing short-term gains. The combination of arm's length operation, City competition, short-term dealing and passive management, hardly points to stronger long-term relationships between investors and companies.

City practices cannot be blamed for two other general doubts about mergers. Do they reduce capital investment and job creation? It has long been argued that takeovers are too easy an option for firms that might otherwise make greenfield investments, develop new product lines of their own or add to competition by entering new markets. The threat to jobs can come either through lack of investment or by the short-term pressures to prune to recoup cash and takeover premiums quickly.

Certainly, most successful economies do not seem so addicted to takeovers, and some moratorium would be an obvious short-term measure to maximize employment.

Most dangerously, however, these arguments imply that financial markets introduce consistent and damaging distortions. That questions the basic principle of merger policy that (aside from creating monopolies) market forces know best.

The Labour Party, in the person of Roy Hattersley, is not worried about that. He wants to reverse policy to a presumption that market-inspired mergers are bad unless proved otherwise. But Mr Hattersley is not against mergers. Rather, he supposes that mergers inspired by Whitehall are superior to those effected by the market. History is not on his side.

Experience has equally shown that a narrow definition of competition has become inadequate and that other unquantified tests of mergers lead to inconsistency and influence-mongering. Interference with market forces is dangerous, but has long been judged necessary in this area. More may now be needed. Thinking should be directed to a mix of taxation, Bank of England guidance and a more sophisticated checklist for the Monopolies Commission rather than simply to more Whitehall discretion.

Graham Searjeant

Financial Editor

COMPANY NEWS

FRAMLINGTON GROUP: Total dividend 9p (5p) for the year to June 30. Sales £34.24 million (£33.33 million). Pretax profit £2.89 million (£1.48 million). Earnings per share 38.36p (20.98p). Total funds under management increased from £282 million to £432 million, with unitholdings up from \$9,000 to 70,000.

PLAN INVESTMENT GROUP: The offer by Stakis has been declared unconditional in all respects. Acceptances were received for 1.9 million shares (86.7 per cent). The offer, including the cash alternative, will remain open until further notice.

CREDIT FINANCE BANK: Six months to June 30 (compared with the year to Dec 31, 1985). No dividend (1.15p). Pretax profit £277,000 (loss £1.91 million). Earnings per share 2.0p (loss 27.94p). The board explains that it would not be appropriate to compare these results with those for the corresponding period last year in view of the exceptional provisions of £3.5 million for bad and doubtful debts made in the 1985 accounts.

MAGNOLIA GROUP (MOULDINGS): Six months to June 30. Interim dividend 1.25p (0.75p). Turnover £19.46 million (£27.48 million). Pretax profit £481,000 (£509,000). Earnings per share 5.56p (3.57p).

SOUND DIFFUSION: Six months to June 30. No interim dividend (nil). Turnover £19.46 million (£19.11 million, as adjusted). Pretax profit £403,000 (£2.68 million). Earnings per share 2.89p (1.93p).

P & W MACLELLAN: Six months to June 30. Interim dividend 0.7p (same), payable on Nov. 14. Turnover £5.84 million (£5.35 million). Pretax profit £188,000 (£258,000). Earnings per share 2.0p (2.4p).

EDENDERRY SHOES: Total dividend 4p (5p) for the year to June 30. Trading profit £112,666 (£92,500), against £111,666 (£82,500). Earnings per share 3.08p (3.14p).

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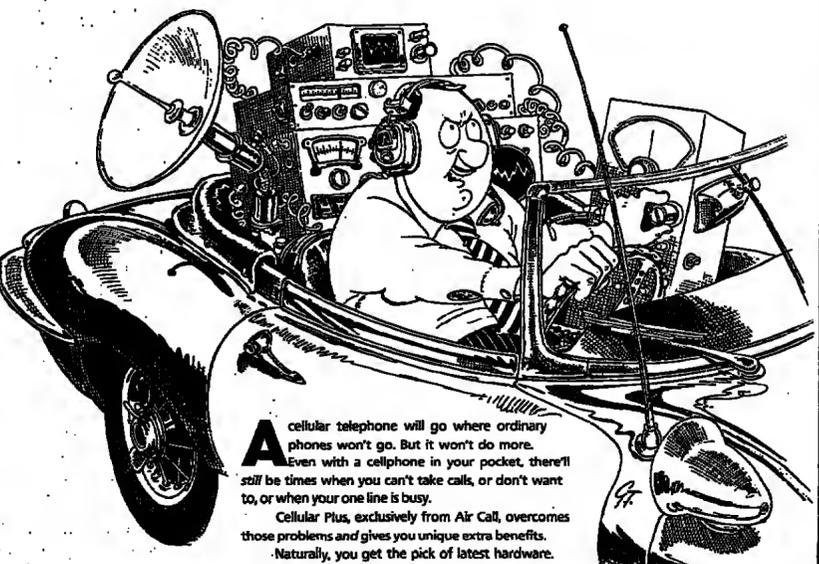
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There is also a dawning realism among students. Some of you have realized

You can still find a place even if your A-level results were disappointing. Beryl Dixon looks at the possibilities

It often helps, Alan Hallmark says, to be able to say that you intend to spend the intervening year in employment related to your new course...

Re-takes are a popular option and often the only one students consider. They are not easy and you need to look at the options carefully...



possibility may be to repeat the second year sixth. Advantage: you are in familiar surroundings with teachers who know you. Disadvantage: you may feel it beneath your dignity...

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Explore alternatives to full-time education

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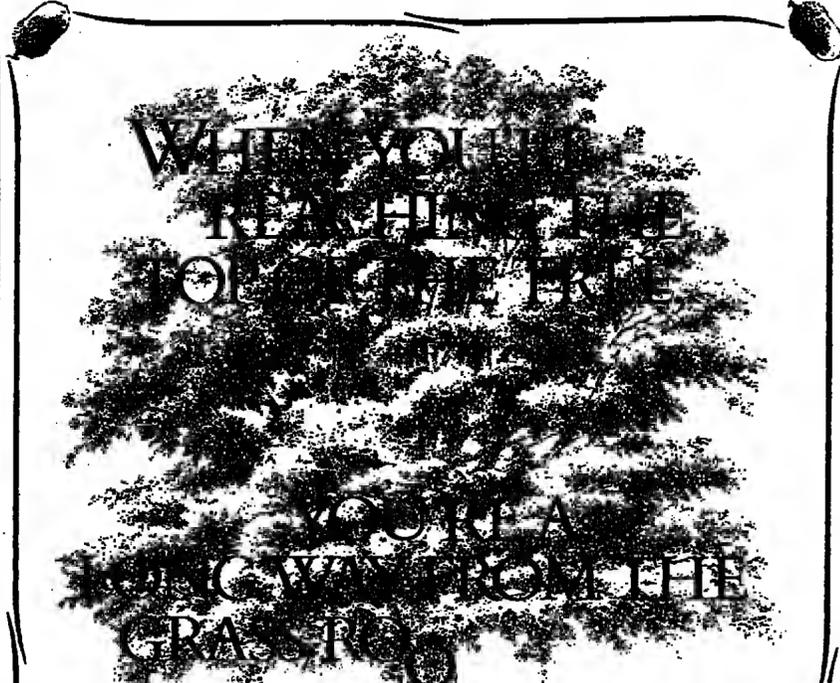
Some are based at your local college; other packages can be obtained from private study centres or professional bodies. (The Hotel and Catering Training Board, for example, is producing a home study package for people aiming at eventual management posts in that industry.)

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## RUGBY UNION

# Teague in different league on day of backward forwards

By David Hands  
Rugby Correspondent

**Gloucester**..... 4  
**Swansea**..... 6

Defeat was a bitter pill for Gloucester to swallow at Kingsholm on Saturday, even allowing for the rusty edges that both sides have yet to smooth. They scored the only try of the game, against two penalty goals kicked by Wyatt, yet had the frustration of watching Lacey miss the penalties, and a conversion while a drop goal by Pointon rebounded from a post.

Watching from the replacements' bench was Tim Smith, whose goal-kicking might have served his side better. Watching from a somewhat higher elevation was Martyn Green, England's coach, whose main interest may have been the well-being of Gloucester's national squad scrum half, but who would have been more impressed by the form of Teague, the Gloucester No. 8.

There were not many attacking qualities in the Gloucester back play. Say it was not for the fact that Teague, capped by England in New Zealand last year and aged 27 next month, revealed all the qualities which have made him a valuable back-row forward.

In a match in which little stood between the teams, Swansea's lineout gave them a critical edge. Richard Mansbury, their captain, dominated possession and, when he did not, his brother Paul frequently did. Both formed the positive opinions held of them last season with the older brother, Richard, finishing the stronger.

Swansea, too, have the comfort of knowing that Hopkins, their centre, who is still recovering from a hamstring injury acquired on tour with Wales

## Keeping at bay the long arm of the law

By Paul Martin

The precarious distinction between tolerated rugby excesses and downright illegal chaggers was brought into sharp relief over the weekend in Newport's 20-13 victory over Coventry.

"The game is being put under the microscope by the media," Brian Jones, the Newport club chairman, said after the match. "Newspapers are saying that violence had gone unspanned by the referee at the club's home ground."

That there was some hard, rough play was not denied, either by Newport's Harry Walker, the Coventry secretary and former England international. There had been some "wrestling" between two forwards, David Waters, an international, and Coventry's Brian Kiddon, who were warned by the referee, but officials of both clubs felt the match was not particularly dirty or unusual.

Newport are serious critics, in view of three well-publicised incidents last season, one of which led to the referee "abandoning" the game. Like most, if not all, Welsh clubs, Newport are anxious to keep the law at arm's length. "Once a court case gets started, the football will be a totally different game," Jones said. "Take away the physical aspect of the game and we would destroy it. The idea of officials sitting on the sidelines reporting incidents is shocking."

Walker similarly complained that legal intervention would "open the floodgates."

There were mixed fortunes for both the home sides in Saturday's two John Smith's Merit Table games. In Table A Moseley, thanks to the second half try by Barn, drew with Nottingham 4-4; but in Table B Richmond, after leading 13-3 at interval, went down to Waterloo 33-14.

While the Wallabies forwards enjoyed the bulk of possession, the All Blacks ran the ball at every opportunity but were let down by a combination of poor passing and resolute Australian tackling.

The only try of the first half came against the run of play when Papworth jinked his way to within a yard of the New Zealand line before releasing a loose pass. The ball bounced neatly before being collected by Lewis, who capped a fine international debut by scoring a try, which Lyaough converted. That made the score 12-3, Lyaough having landed two penalties for the touring team with Crowley replying for the All Blacks.

But the New Zealanders reduced the deficit to just three points when Crowley converted two more penalties in the 31st and 37th minutes. The All Blacks' policy of running at all costs began to take on a frantic look and the Australians reassessed themselves through two more Lyaough penalties which took the score to 15-3. The New Zealanders already breached the Australian line before releasing a loose pass. The ball bounced neatly before being collected by Lewis, who capped a fine international debut by scoring a try, which Lyaough converted. That made the score 12-3, Lyaough having landed two penalties for the touring team with Crowley replying for the All Blacks.

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Sonic Lady put up an outstanding performance to gain her sixth victory of the season in the yesterday's €100,250 Prix de la Madeleine...

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By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Once again it looks as if those two brilliant jockeys, Pat Eddery and Steve Caughen, will dominate proceedings at Nottingham...

Olazabal keeps the Spanish ball rolling

From Mitchell Platt

Jose-Maria Olazabal came of age five weeks before his 21st birthday when he won the Ebel European Masters on the Crans-sur-Sierre course...

NOTTINGHAM

Going: firm. Draw: 5f-6f, high numbers best

- 1.30 DELIRIUM MAIDEN STAKES (Div 1, part 1: 2-Y-O; €959; 6f) (15 runners) 1 00 BANKS AND BRIDES (F) 12 1/2 9-0...

3.43 LUCYAN KNIGHT (nsp), 2.0 Quick Reaction, 2.30 Girotondo, 3.30 Mafira, 4.0 Lady Sophie, 4.30 Acapulucan, 5.0 Etrainthus, 5.30 Beccadelli.

Nottingham selections

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 1.30 Lucayan Knight, 2.0 Quick Reaction, 2.30 Girotondo, 3.0 Mafira, 3.30 Mafira, 4.0 Lady Sophie, 4.30 Acapulucan, 5.0 Etrainthus, 5.30 Beccadelli.

By Michael Seely 1.30 LUCAYAN KNIGHT (nsp), 2.30 Girotondo, 3.0 Mafira, 4.0 Lady Sophie, 4.30 Acapulucan, 5.0 Etrainthus, 5.30 Beccadelli.

2.0 STRATFORD HANDICAP (€2,259; 1m 6f) (19)

- 1 01 BANNERMAN (G) (nsp) 12 1/2 9-0 2 02 LEON (F) (nsp) 12 1/2 9-0 3 03 RUCY (F) (nsp) 12 1/2 9-0

3.40 GIRONDO (nsp), 4.0 Mafira, 4.30 Acapulucan, 5.0 Etrainthus, 5.30 Beccadelli.

2.30 DELIRIUM MAIDEN STAKES (Div 1, part 2: 2-Y-O; €959; 6f) (14)

- 1 00 BARRY DON (G) (nsp) 12 1/2 9-0 2 01 GALLANT (G) (nsp) 12 1/2 9-0 3 02 GIRONDO (G) (nsp) 12 1/2 9-0

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- 1 01 PRAYER FOR WIN (G) (nsp) 12 1/2 9-0 2 02 ELEANOR LIGHTS (G) (nsp) 12 1/2 9-0 3 03 FLORIN WARRIOR (G) (nsp) 12 1/2 9-0

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HEXHAM

Going: good

- 2.15 NEWBEGGIN NOVICE HURDLE (€865; 2m) (17 runners) 1 00 DOUBLE LINE W A Stephenson 5-11-0...

3.45 WHITLEY CHAPEL SELLING HANDICAP (€532; 2m) (9)

- 1 00 FINESTONE LAD (G) (J) 11-10-10 2 01 GLEN MARY (G) (R) 11-7-7

4.45 RISING SUN NOVICE HURDLE (3-Y-O; €548; 2m) (10)

- 1 00 BOLD SHIP (G) (C) 10-10-10 2 01 DEE-DEE (C) 10-10-10

5.15 LINNELS HANDICAP HURDLE (€1,272; 2m) (11)

- 1 00 BULLDOG (G) (P) 9-10-10 2 01 TIGLE BELL (G) (G) 9-10-10

5.45 KENTUCKY CALLING MISS (C) 9-11-11

5.45 TULYAR NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O; €1,706; 1m 50yd) (12)

- 1 00 BURNING COURTESY (G) (nsp) 12 1/2 9-0 2 01 WIND OF PEACE (G) (nsp) 12 1/2 9-0

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Green Desert earns trip to California

Green Desert is California bound after giving Michael Stoute his first Verano Sprint success at Haydock Park on Saturday...

Haydock Park

- 2.15 Spanish Oak (4-1) 2nd; 2.20 Spanish Oaks (12-1) 2nd; 2.25 Spanish Oaks (12-1) 2nd

Thurs

- 2.10 March Line (12-1); 2.15 March Line (12-1); 2.20 March Line (12-1)

Kempton Park

- 1.30 Whitehall (6-4) fav; 1.35 Whitehall (6-4) fav

Stratford

- 2.30 Flax Wonder (7-1); 2.35 Flax Wonder (7-1); 2.40 Flax Wonder (7-1)

Leaders on the Flat

Table with columns for Trainer, Name, and Odds. Trainers include H Cecil, G Harwood, J Dwyer, W Doolan, P Cole, J Hills.

JOCKEYS

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Course specialists

NOTTINGHAM TRAINERS: H Cecil, 28 winners from 77 races; G Harwood, 26 winners from 84 races...

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CRICKET: ELECTRIC INNINGS IN THE GLOOM BY SUSSEX PAIR AS THEY WIN NATWEST TROPHY

Parker makes late claim for place in tour party

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

One of the less exciting one-day finals ended in Sussex winning the NatWest Trophy at Lord's on Saturday by seven wickets and with more to spare than 10 balls may suggest. Needing 243 to beat Lancashire they batted very well in getting them.

The amount of cricket lost in the championship through stoppage for bad light, when really it is good enough for batting against all but the fastest bowling, hardly bears thinking about.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Runs/Wickets. Includes names like G D Mendis, P W G Parke, and scores like 17, 20, 23.

On Saturday, opaque though it was, Paul Parker still played exceptionally well. From the moment he came in, when Sussex were getting away to a rather sticky start, he made it his business to call the tune.

Where Lloyd had been cheered all the way to the wicket on what will have been his last appearance at Lord's (not quite all the members stood, but a great many did) Parker was given a well-earned reception when he came in after being caught at deep square leg. It is 10 years since Parker, as a 20-year-old, scored 215 for Cambridge against Essex in only his sixth first-class innings. It looked, as Wisden put it at the time, that "a new batting star" had been born, and on Saturday he played like one.

win a Lord's final, Lancashire had to thank Fairbrother and Hayhurst, who added 103 for the sixth wicket. Sussex had had the best of the conditions for bowling, the ball moving about a good deal at various times during the morning, most of all for Reeve in a most spirited and telling spell of four for 20 in 12 overs.

It is becoming traditional for someone to make a late claim for selection for the forthcoming tour with a good performance in the NatWest final. Thomas of Surrey did it in 1982 and Christopher Cowdrey in 1983. Now Parker has done it. He has played once for England, against



Star performance: Parker had old-timers in raptures

Australia in 1981, but he was out cheaply twice, and although a fine player of slow bowling (a couple of the extra cover drives he played on Saturday, from down the wicket against Simmons, were superb strokes) he missed selection for the tour to India in 1981-82.

Then he has had his ups and downs. For a time he was considered a shade suspect against the fastest bowlers. But who is not? In 1984 he came back into contention, only to fall away again in 1985 when he had injury problems. This year he has done very well, and there is no better or keener fielder in the country. It is unfortunate

Hampshire win one-day title with victory off last ball

By Richard Streeton

THE OVAL: Hampshire (4 pts) beat Surrey by three runs. Hampshire won the John Player League title for the third time yesterday when they beat Surrey in a thrilling last-ball finish. Surrey, needing 150, still required seven from the last over bowled by Connor. Thomas was caught at long on from the third ball. Needham was run out from the fifth, and Gray, needing five from the last, could only push it into the covers.

Essex could draw level next points to their last match next weekend if Hampshire lose the same day. Hampshire, though, would still take the title on the basis of runs away wins for Hampshire their success brings them £19,000 prizemoney and consolation for a disappointing summer in the county championship, in which they have been bedevilled by injury.

Surrey, who were without Jesty and Stewart because of hamstring injuries, made a poor start to their innings when they lost Clinton, Lynch, Richards and Ward with only 45 scored. Then Butcher and Falke added 51 in 14 overs. Butcher's careful 44 ended when he was caught at cover when Trentlett from the last, could only push it into the covers.

Surrey quickly seized control when Terry took on his stumps in the second over and Gray dismissed Greenidge and Nicholas in three balls. Robin Smith, who leads the Sunday averages, was beaten by Bicknell, trying to turn a straight ball.

Butler, a young, 6ft 5in off-spinner, failed to get a wicket but played an important part with eight economical overs. Butcher swung the ball more than anyone and Chris Smith and Cowley fell to successive balls. Smith could manage only 16 singles from 66 balls.

Marshall played loosely outside the off stump and was caught behind; Trentlett, brilliantly run out by Lynch, James went on to reach his first league 50 in the final over.

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YESTERDAY'S OTHER JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE SCOREBOARDS

Scoreboard for Glamorgan v Middx. Includes batting and bowling statistics for both teams.

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City centre cheers sprinters

The world professional pursuit champion, Tony Doyle, scored another success in winning the final round of the Kellogg's City Centre City Championship. Doyle, who had won a 60-lap City Centre race circuit in the City of Westminster, Doyle narrowly beat the Dutchman, Hennie Kuiper, to the sprint for the line and received a home-coming hero's welcome.

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FOR THE RECORD

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Championship table

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Points. Lists various teams and their current league positions.

RUGBY UNION

Quins lift trophy

With the expertise derived from four winning tournaments in the Midlands, which allowed them to escape three tackles and run in from 70 metres.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Points. Lists players and their scores in the Quins match.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Northern rest Holmes but win again

The Bradford Northern decision to rest Terry Holmes seemed to have boomeranged at Salford when the home side led 12-2 and the replacement for Holmes, Robinson, went off injured.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Points. Lists players and their scores in the Northern match.

YACHTING

British crew hang on to slender lead

Porto Cervo - Britain's three boat team in the Sardinia Cup start today's 24-mile third race with the British crew on a slender lead over the German favourites.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Points. Lists players and their scores in the Yachting event.

POLO

Centaur's win Guards Club encounter

Four more matches for the Guards Club's annual tournament were decided over the weekend. In League A Centaur's beat CFI 7-3 (7-5% in the handicap element) in League B.

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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1
6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins.

TV-AM
6.15 Good Morning Britain, presented by Anne Diamond and Adrian Brown.

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8.20 Hamish Miller: piano recital (Sonata in E flat, H XV 49) and Schumann (Sonata in F sharp minor, Op 11)

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9.25 Thames news headlines followed by Watton, Walford, cartoon series.

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SPORT

'Our Czechs' and 'their Czechs' in a closed shop

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, New York

The 1986 United States championships will be remembered as the tournament in which four players born in Czechoslovakia turned the singles finals into a fumble of a closed shop.

sure of himself on hard courts. Nor is he sure of himself against Mecir. Nobody is. "I had no game plan and at the beginning I had too much respect for him," Becker said later.

anxious, sometimes wild-eyed. She had great advantages in her strength and her serving and volleying but Miss Graf's resilient counters bred caution and error.

Results

MEANS SINGLES: Semi-finals: 1 Lendl (Cz) bt S Edberg (Swe), 7-6, 6-2, 6-3; 2 M Mecir (Cz) bt B Becker (GER), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

Becker's inhibitions were reflected in tactical uncertainty and technical errors. Too often, he was lured into the subtle sparring at which the deceptive Mecir excels.

In the tie-break Miss Graf muffed a forehand at 5-3 but had a third match point at 8-7. This time Miss Navratilova charged and Miss Graf found the net in attempting a backhand passing shot.

Mecir in victory and Miss Graf in defeat somewhat obscured the memory of Lendl's admirable 7-6, 6-2, 6-3 win over Stefan Edberg. They played a marvellous first set, which Edberg lost with a backhand approach shot that was an inch or so the wrong side of perfection.

For a time it seemed likely that two German teenagers would dispute yesterday's finals with Czechoslovakia. But Steffi Graf, who had three match points, was beaten 6-1, 6-7, 7-6 by Miss Navratilova on Saturday in a match that had been rained off the previous evening.

Becker, aged 18, is not yet

Miss Navratilova became



Bonny Czech: Mecir on his way to victory against Becker in their semi-final

MOTOR RACING

Mansell extends lead to five points by coming second

From John Blunsden, Monza

Another emphatic demonstration of race competitiveness by the Canon Williams team ended yesterday with Nelson Piquet winning the Italian Grand Prix and Nigel Mansell finishing runner-up less than 10 seconds behind and extending his lead in the world championship.

The two Williams-Honda drivers who have now won four races each this season from 13 starts were given an easier task than usual this time when their two main championship rivals, Alain Prost and Ayrton Senna, were put out of contention in the opening seconds of the race.

Results

ITALIAN GRAND PRIX: 1. N Piquet (BR) Canon Williams-Honda, 61 laps, 1hr 17min 42.888sec, 141,904 mph; 2. N Mansell (GB) Canon Williams-Honda, 1:17:52.717; 3. S Johansson (SWE) Ferrari, 1:18:05.804; 4. K Rosberg (FIN) Marlboro McLaren-TAG, 1:18:36.698; 5. G Berger (AUS) Benetton-BMW, 50 laps; 6. A Jones (AUS) Lola-Ford, 49 laps; 7. T Boutsen (BEL) Barclay Arrows-BMW, 49 laps; 8. C Danner (WEG) Barclay Arrows-BMW, 49 laps; 9. P Streif (FR) Data General Tyrrell-Renault, 49 laps; 10. M Brundle (GB) Data General Tyrrell-Renault, 49 laps; 11. A Caffi (IT) Osella-Alfa Romeo, 45 laps.

From John Blunsden, Monza mission of his J.P.S. Lotus and he free wheeled to a halt. Johnny Dumfries also retired with transmission trouble after climbing to ninth place by the seventeenth lap.

Martin Brundle looked set for a championship point in his Data General Tyrrell until it developed an engine misfire 20 laps from the end (he slipped to tenth place) while Jonathan Palmer's race in his Zakspeed was halted by engine failure.

The Piquet-Mansell battle, which took command of the race from the sixth lap onwards, was a hard but clean-fought contest with Mansell dominant in the first half and Piquet after the mid-race stops. "Nigel was very quick for the first part," Piquet said afterwards, "and I was worried I would use too much fuel in catching him. Then I lost an extra five seconds at the pits when my new right front wheel got stuck. Afterwards, I went as fast as I dared to catch up, then I realized Nigel must have been in some sort of trouble as I closed in and passed him."

Stefan Johansson also had an excellent race in the other Ferrari, climbing on to the leader board within five laps of the start and eventually taking third place ahead of Keke Rosberg.

territory, Michele Alboreto holding a strong third place behind the two Williams drivers until he spun on oil made a pit stop to replace the damaged tyre, then worked his way back from eleventh place before his engine expired.

Mansell took up the story: "For some reason one of my seat belts came loose and I started to move about in the cockpit. This meant that I wasn't able to steer the car with the same sort of precision and as a result I started to wear out my front tyres quite badly."

Both drivers agreed it had been a satisfying contest and as they went into their cooling-down lap Piquet slowed, Mansell drew alongside him and they each applauded the other.

CRICKET

Botham renews attack on Somerset

By Paul Martin

Ian Botham yesterday launched another fierce attack against his employers, Somerset, making clear he would not waver from his threat to leave the club along with the dismissed Viv Richards and Joel Garner. At least three Somerset committee members said they would themselves be proposing that, because of his outbursts, a two-year contract on offer to Botham be withdrawn immediately.

Interview, called the club's actions "disgusting", and said the committee were "extremely arrogant" to believe, they could manage without Richards. It was "bloody ridiculous" to regard Richards, now 34, as on the decline. "The only way I would play for Somerset now is if there was a complete turnaround, and Viv and Joel were reinstated."

Some Somerset members as a "big insult", a view already indicated to the club by Richards himself. In any case, Martin Crowe has now written accepting a three-year contract, leaving no room for suggestions that he play in only some of the matches, the club has confirmed.

Supporters of the dismissed players have now resolved to hand in their petition forcing a special general meeting at which they hope to reverse the dismissals and overturn the committee; but, committee members indicated that, even if a no-confidence motion were passed, the majority might not resign.

The club's cricket committee chairman, Brian Langford, has responded to Botham's remarks with a few barbs of his own. "I can only look at how supportive Somerset have been to him, how we stood by him despite his two-month suspension; we deserve better than this," he said, pointing out that Botham had not even been required to play in the Somerset second XI during that time. He noted that while Botham had helped to swell crowds, he had made little impact with the ball for Somerset in several seasons.

Langford maintained that despite a claim by Viv Richards that the club had treated him and Garner "like animals", the two West Indians had been "fortunate not to have had their contracts terminated in 1985, when they failed to turn up for three vital weeks."

Botham described compromise proposals made by

SPORT IN BRIEF

Finns fill top places

Jyvaskyla, Finland (Reuters) - Timo Salonen, the world champion, driving a Peugeot, led a Finnish sweep of the top three places in the 1,000 Lakes motor rally yesterday.

Salonen clocked 3hr 32min 45sec for the 48 special stages, 24 seconds faster than his Peugeot team colleague, Juba Kankkunen, the championship leader. Another Finn, Markku Alen, a four-time winner, was third.

Bassett's prize

Dave Bassett, of Wimbledon Football Club, who are top of the League after their first four matches in the first division, was yesterday named Bells Scotch Whisky Manager of the Month.



Zico: may retire

Rio de Janeiro (AP) - Zico, the brilliant Brazilian footballer plagued by recurrent knee problems, said he would rather retire than undergo major surgery and still not be able to play. Zico said in a newspaper interview: "I will have to give up the struggle if the situation doesn't alter. I'm not going to submit to one more sacrifice without having a guarantee that I can return to play."

Welsh fitter

Tony Gray, the Wales rugby union coach, put 52 of his top players through testing fitness routines and reported a 20 to 25 per cent level of improvement from the end of last season, when they were given fitness work to do. Players are also being asked to improve their diet, limit their beer intake and to cut down on their number of club matches.

High stakes

Tony Alcock, the world indoor bowls champion, will be among the favourites to capture a first prize of £12,000 at next month's Liverpool Victoria Insurance Superbowl.

Patil retires

New Delhi (Reuters) - The Indian Test batsman, Sandeep Patil, is retiring from first class cricket to concentrate on his business interests.

Cottee suits right down to the ground

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Four years ago Bobby Robson began his national managerial career in Scandinavia, where England opened their European championship campaign with a 2-2 draw against Denmark. Today, as he returns there for the only dress rehearsal before his squad go into the same competition, he will carry a strong sense of déjà vu.

Two days before his opening night in 1982 he lost two of his certain selections, Coppell and Thompson, through injury. Two days before leaving this afternoon for an international match with Sweden in Stockholm he learnt that two members of his intended line-up, Beardsley and Hateley, had similarly been forced to withdraw.

If the regrettable breakdown in communications between Robson and Linaker tore a hole in his attacking designs, the absence of his second and third choices has ripped their apart. His list of striking possibilities now include only Barnes, Dixon, Waddle and Cottee, the West Ham United youngster who was summoned as the lone replacement on Saturday.

Even though he has no international experience, Cottee is the prime candidate. He fits the new mould of the English centre forward. Whereas they were once shaped like giant redwood trees, they are now as sleek as turbo engines. Whereas they were once feared for their power in the air, they are gaining a reputation for their speed over the ground.

Like Linaker and Beardsley, Cottee's centre of gravity scrapes along the floor. His acceleration is explosive, his control is neat and his aim is refined. He confirmed his potential last season by scoring 20 goals and, with timely precision, he added another on Saturday a few hours after being told of his promotion to the senior squad.

Robson would not have recalled Hateley, a present example of the former era who disappointed during the World Cup finals, if both

Linaker and Beardsley had been available. Rather than bringing in Dixon, who is built along the same lines as Hateley, he is expected to select Barnes, who has been living in the shadow of Waddle on the flank.

Before the World Cup tie against Poland three months ago, he was pushed into changing strategy and players alike. He knew that to persist with a midfield line of only three and to expect to compete with the strongest nations in the world, his namesake and captain had to be fit. But Bryan Robson was not. Noe was an understudy available.

Since his most influential individual is still missing - Robson, incidentally, came through an A team match for Manchester United on Saturday and could be fit by next weekend - Bobby Robson cannot revert to the old system even if he is convinced that it will work. In Mexico it became painfully apparent that the use of a winger was a dangerously adventurous plan. It threatened England's own security as much as that of the opposition.

If the recent performances of either Waddle or Barnes had been of a higher quality and of a greater consistency, he might have persuaded himself to retain his belief in them. He could have introduced his other namesake, Stewart, against the Swedes on Wednesday and prepared for the probable return of Bryan in next month's opening qualifying tie.

Instead, he is likely to take the opportunity of trying Barnes in a central role, where he has appeared for Watford, and limit future restructuring. Anderson, Martin and Wilkins should fill the gaps that have been left by the absences of Stevens, Fenwick and Reid respectively for the same reason of convenience.

As one goalkeeper Ranger withdrew, another took his place yesterday. David Seaman, of Queen's Park Rangers, stepped into the squad for Chris Woods, of Glasgow Rangers, who has injured a leg.

Hodges called up

The Wales manager, Mike England, made it a memorable weekend for Wimbledon's Glyn Hodges yesterday, calling him into the squad for Wednesday's European Championship qualifying match against Finland in Helsinki. Hodges, a midfield player whose goal against Watford on Saturday kept Wimbledon on top of the first division, replaces David Phillips, of Coventry City, who injured an ankle against his former club, Manchester City.

United, was concussed at Aston Villa. But England said he would be fit to travel. Liverpool's uncapped defender, Gary Gillespie, and Celtic's Murdoch McLeod were yesterday drafted into Scotland's injury-hit squad for their European qualifying match against Bulgaria at Hampden Park on Wednesday.

Aberdeen's Alex McLeish and Robert Connor, Gary Mackay of Heart of Midlothian and Gillespie's Liverpool colleague Alan Hansen have all withdrawn injured. "Gary has always been in our minds, but perhaps he has jumped the queue a little," Andy Roxburgh, Scotland's new manager, said.

ATHLETICS

Cram and Coe run the season's fastest times

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Rieti

British domination of world middle distance running this year was emphasized here in the gorgeous surroundings of the Saint Valley, north of Rome, yesterday. Steve Cram, at 800 metres, then Sebastian Coe, at 1,500 metres, ran the fastest times of the season, with Coe's 3min 29.77sec being the equal fourth fastest ever. Cram ran 1min 43.19sec, beating by 0.03sec the time with which he won the Commonwealth title.

for the Mobil Grand Prix final in Rome on Wednesday. So Cram stayed with the 800 metres, although arriving here at past midnight on the day of the race did not, as he admitted, put him in the best frame of mind for a fast time.

The first surprise was the pacemaker, Darren Clark. The world class Australian 400 metres runner and Commonwealth silver medal winner is built like a tank, but used to be an 800 metres runner when he was 14. He was 21 on Saturday, and is thinking of running 800 occasionally next year. He did a perfect pacing job. He paced at 400 metres, and still looked easy at 550 metres when he moved aside, to let Cram through.

Cram rebuffed an attack by William Wuyck throughout the last 200 metres, and won easily in 1min 43.19sec. Cram said afterwards: "I don't think I was at my best in Stuttgart, and I thought that the race in Brussels was going to be my last big one of the year. If I had been in the right frame of mind and in good shape, I could have run a fair bit faster."

Evelyn Ashford is having a superb season in a non-championship year for American athletes. She has beaten Heike Drechsler, double world record holder and double European gold medal winner, twice this season, the latest being at 200 metres in Brussels. Ashford beat Marlies Gehr, her long-time adversary, and another great East German sprinter, in 10.88sec here also the fastest time in the world this year.

Coe had lost contact slightly on the penultimate lap, but once the pacemakers dropped away he had a clear lead of 40 metres on Sydney Maree, and, despite the evident pain, Coe raced home exactly one second faster than was Steve Ovett when he set one of the previous world records here three years ago.

After his narrow miss of the world 1,500 metres record in Brussels on Friday night, Cram had briefly considered running the same distance here, thinking he would finally catch up with Said Aouita, who seems to be avoiding him, and is the one man (with Coe) capable of pushing Cram, as well as himself, to a world record.

But Aouita is saving himself

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